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Elizabethæ.

At the Parliament

by prorogation holden at Westminster the last day of September, in the eyght yere of the raigne of our Soueraigne Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God, of England, Fraunce, and Irelande, Queene, defendour of the faith. &c. and there continued to the end and dissolution of the same: To the hygh pleasure of al-
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God,
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¶ An Acte declaring the manner of making and consecrating of the Archbishops and Bishops of this Realme, to be good, lawfull, and perfect.

¶ The first Chapter.



Orasmuche as diuers questions by ouer much boldnes of speach and talke, amonges many of the common sort of people, beyng vnlearned, hath lately growen vppon the making and consecratyng of Archbishops and Bishops within this Realme, whether the same were & be duely and orderly done, according to the lawe or not, whiche is much tending to the slaunder of all the state of Cleargie, beyng one of the

greatest states of this Realme. Therefore, for the auoydnyng of suche slaunderous speache, and to the intent that every man that is willing to knowe the trueth, may playnely vnderstande that the same euill speache and talke is not grounded vpon any iust matter or cause: It is thought conuenient hereby, partly to touche suche authorities, as doth allowe and approue the making and consecratyng of the same Archbishops and Bishops to be duely and orderly done, accordyng to the lawes of this Realme, and therevpon further to provide for the more suretie thereof, as hereafter shalbe expressed.

FIRST, it is very well knowen to all degrees of this Realme, that the late kyng of mosse famous memorie, kyng Henry the eighth, aswell by all the Cleargie then of this Realme, in their seuerall conuocations, as also by all the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and commons assembled in diuers of his Parliamentes, was iustly and ryghtfully recognized and knowledged to haue the supreme power, iurisdiction, order, rule, and authoritie, ouer all the state Ecclesiasticall of the same, and the same power, iurisdiction, and authoritie did vse accordyngly: And that also the said late kyng, in the. xrb. yere of his raigne, byd by authoritie of parliament, amonges other thynges, set forth a certayne order of the manner and fourme howe Archbishops and Bishops within this Realme,

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and other his dominions, shoulde be elected and made, as by the same more playnely appeareth. And that also the late kyng of w^{or}thy memorie, king Edwarde the first, did lawfully succede the sayd late king Henry his father, in the imperial crowne of this Realme, and dyd iustly possesse and enioy all the same power, iurisdiction, and aucthoritie before mentioned, as a thing to him descended with the same imperiall Crowne, and so bled the same, duryng his lyfe: And that also the sayde late kyng Edwarde the first, in his tyme, by aucthoritie of Parliament, caused a godly and vertuous booke, entituled: The booke of Common prayer, and administation of Sacramentes, and other rites and ceremonies in the Church of Englande, to be made and set forth, not only for one vniforme order of service, common prayer, and the administation of Sacramentes, to be bled within all this Realme, and other his dominions: but also, did adde and put to the same booke, a very good and godly order, of the maner and fourme how Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and Ministers, should from time to time, be consecrated, made, and ordered, within this Realme, and other his dominions, as by the same more plainely wyl and may appeare. And although in the tyme of the late Queene Mary, aswell the sayd Acte and statute made in the. xxb. yere of the raigne of the said late king Henrie the eyght, as also the seuerall Actes and statutes made in the second, thirde, fourth, fifth, and sixth yeres of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Edwarde, for the aucthorising and allowyng of the sayde booke of Common prayer, and other the premisses, amonges diuers other Actes and statutes, touchyng the sayde supreme aucthoritie, were repelled: Yet neuerthelesse, at the Parliament holden at westminster, in the first yere of the raigne of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, by one other Act and statute there made, all suche iurisdiccions, priuileges, superiorities, and preheminences, spirituall and ecclesiasticall, as by any spirituall or ecclesiasticall power or aucthoritie, hath heretofore ben, or may lawfully be bled ouer the ecclesiasticall estate of this Realme, and the order, reformation, and correction of the same, is fully and absolutely, by the aucthoritie of the same Parliament, vnited and annexed to the imperiall Crowne of this Realme. And by the same Acte and statute, there is also geuen to the Queenes highnesse, her heyres & successours, kinges or Queenes of this Realme, full power and aucthoritie by letters patentes, vnder the great Seale of Englande, from tyme to tyme, to assigne, name, and aucthorise such person or persons, as he or they shall thinke meete and conuenient, to exercise, vse, occupie, and execute vnder her highnesse, all maner of iurisdiccions, priuileges, preheminences, and aucthorities, in any wyse touchyng or concernyng any spirituall or ecclesiasticall power

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power or iurisdiction within this Realme, or any other her hygh-
nesse dominions or Countreys. And also by the same Acte and
statute, the sayde Acte made in the. xrb. yere of the raigne of the
sayde late kyng Henry the eyght, for the order and fourme of the
electing and makynge of the sayde Archbishops and Bishops, toge-
ther with dyuers other statutes, touching the iurisdiction ouer the
state ecclesiasticall, is reuiued, and made in full force and effect, as
by the same Acte and statute, more playnely appeareth. And that
also by another Acte and statute made in the sayde Parliament, in
the first yere of the raigne of our sayde Soueraigne Lady, entitu-
led: An Acte for the vniiformitie of Common prayer, and seruice in
the Church, and administration of Sacramentes, the sayde booke
of Common prayer, and the administration of Sacramentes, and
other the sayde orders, rites, and ceremonies before mentioned,
and all thynges therein contayned, with certayne additions there-
in newly added and appoynted by the sayde statute, is fully stabli-
shed and aucthorised, to be vsed in all places within this Realme,
and all other the Queenes Maiesties dominions and Countreys,
as by the same Acte, amonges other thynges, more playnely appea-
reth. Whereupon, our sayde Soueraigne Lady, the Queenes moeste
excellent Maiestie, beyng most iustly and lawfully inuested in the
imperiall Crowne of this Realme, with all auctorities, prehemi-
nences and dignities thereunto appertaynyng: And thereby ha-
uynge in her Maiesties order and disposition, all the sayde iurisdic-
tions, power, and auctorities, ouer the state ecclesiasticall and
temporall, as well in causes ecclesiasticall, as temporall, within this
Realme, and other her Maiesties dominions and Countreys, hath
by her supreme auctorities, at dyuers tymes, sythens the begyn-
nyng of her Maiesties raigne, caused dyuers and sundry graue and
well learned men, to be duely elected, made, and consecrated Arch-
bishops and Bishops, of dyuers Archbishopsricks and Bishopsricks
within this Realme, and other her Maiesties dominions and
Countreys, accordyng to suche order and fourme, and with suche
ceremonies, in and about their consecrations, as were allowed
and set forth by the sayde Actes, statutes, and orders annexed to
the sayd booke of Common prayer before mentioned. And further,
for the auoydyng of all ambiguities and questions that myght
be objected agaynst the lawfull confirmations, inuestyng, and con-
secrations of the sayde Archbishops and Bishops, her hyghnesse in
her letters patentes, vnder the great Seale of Englande, directed
to any Archbishop, Bishop, or others, for the confirming, inuestyng,
and consecratyng of any person, elected to the office or dignitie of
any Archbishop or Bishop, hath not onely vsed suche wordes and
sentences as were accustomed to be vsed by the sayde late kyng

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Henry, and kyng Edward, her Maiesties father and brother, in their like letters patentes, made for suche causes: but also hath vsed and put in her Maiesties sayd letters patentes, dyuers other generall wordes and sentences, whereby her highnesse by her supreme power and auctoritie, hath dispenced with all causes, or doubtles, of any imperfection or disabilitie, that can or may in any wyse be objected against the same, as by her Maiesties sayd letters patentes, remaynyng of recorde, more playnely wyll appeare. So that to all those that wyll well consider of the effect and true content of the sayde lawes and statutes, and of the supreme & absolute auctoritie of the Queenes hyghnes, and whiche she by her Maiesties sayde letters patentes, hath vsed and put in vze, in and about the makynge and consecratyng of the sayde Archbishops and Bishops: it is and may be very euident and apparaunt, that no cause of scruple, ambiguitie, or doubt, can or maye iustly be objected agaynst the sayde elections, confirmations, or consecrations, or any other materiall thing, meete to be vsed or had in or about the same: but that euery thing requisite and materiall for that purpose, hath ben made and done, as precisely, and with as great a care and diligence, or rather more, as euer the lyke was done before her Maiesties tyme, as by the recordes of her Maiesties sayde father and brothers tyme, and also of her owne tyme, wyll more paynely testifie and declare.

Wherefore, for the playne declaration of al the premisles, and to the intent that the same may the better be knowen, to euery of the Queenes Maiesties subiectes, whereby suche euyl speache, as heretofore hath ben vsed, against the sayde hygh state of prelacie, may hereafter cease: Be it nowe declared and enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayd Acte and statute, made in the first yere of the raigne of our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, wherby the sayd booke of Common prayer, and the administration of sacramentes, with other rites & ceremonies, is auctorised and allowed to be vsed, shal stande and remayne good and perfect to all respectes and purposes: And that such order and fourme for the consecratyng of Archbishops and Bishops, and for the makynge of Priestes, Deacons, and Ministers, as was set forth in the tyme of the sayde late kyng Edward the first, and added to the sayd booke of Common prayer, and auctorised by Parliament, in the fifth and sixth yere of the sayde late kyng, shal stande, and be in full force and effect, and shal from henceforth be vsed and obserued in all places within this Realme, and other the Queenes Maiesties dominions and Countreys. And that all Actes and thynges heretofore had, made, or done by any person or persons, in or about any consecration, confirmation, or inuetyng of any per-
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son or persons, elected to the office or dignitie of any Archbyschop or Byschop within this Realme, or within any other the Queenes Maiesties dominions or countreys, by vertue of the Queenes Maiesties letters patentes or Commission, sythens the beginning of her Maiesties raigne, be and shalbe by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, declared, iudged, and deemed, at and from euery of the seuerall times of the doyng therof, good and perfect to all respectes and purposes: Any matter or thyng that can or may be objected to the contrary thereof, in any wyse notwithstanding. And that all persons that haue ben or shalbe made, ordered, or consecrate Archbyschops, Byschops, Priestes, Ministers of Gods holy worde and sacramentes, or Deacons, after the fourme and order prescribed in the sayd order and fourme howe Archbyschops, Byschops, Priestes, Deacons, and Ministers, shoulde be consecrated, made, and ordered, be in very deede, and also by aucthoritie hereof, declared and enacted, to be, and shalbe Archbyschops, Byschops, Priestes, Ministers and Deacons, and ryghtly made, ordered, and consecrated: Any statute, lawe, canon, or other thyng to the contrary, notwithstanding.

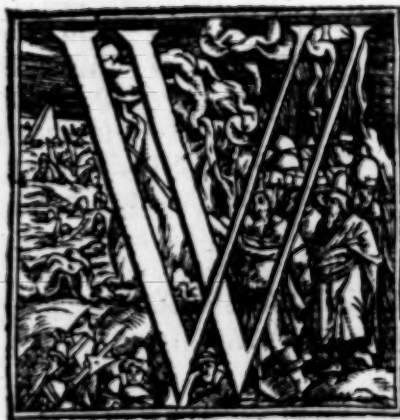
Provided alwayes, and neuerthelesse be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that no person or persons shall at any tyme hereafter, be impeched or molested, in body, landes, luynges, or goodes, by occasion or meane of any certificat by any Archbyschop or Byschop heretofore made, or before the last day of this present session of Parliament to be made, by vertue of any Acte, made in the first session of this present Parliament, touchyng or concernyng the refusal of the othe, declared and set forth by Acte of Parliament, in the first yere of the raigne of our sayde Soueraigne Lady, Queene Elizabeth: Any thing in this Acte, or any other Acte or statute heretofore made to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And that all tenders of the sayde othe, made by any Archbyschop or Byschop aforesayd, or before the last day of this present session, to be made by aucthoritie of any Acte, established in the first session of this present Parliament, and all refusalles of the same othe so tendred, or before the last day of this present session, to be tendred by any Archbyschop or Byschop, by aucthoritie of any Acte, established in the first session of this present Parliament: shalbe voyde, and of none effect or validitie in the lawe.

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¶ An Acte whereby the defendaunt may
recover his costes, beyng wrong-
fully vexed.

¶ The .ij. Chapter.



Here diuers persons of their
malicious mindes, and without any
iust cause, do many tymes cause and
procure others of the Queenes Ma-
iesties louyng subiectes, to be very
much molested and troubled, by at-
tachementes and arrestes, made of
their bodyes, aswell by processe of
Latitat alias, and Plures capias, sued
out of the court, commonly called the
kynge's benche, as also by playnte,
bill, or other suite, in the court com-

monly called the Marthalsey, and within the Citie of London, and
other Citie, Townes corporate, and places where any libertie or
privilege is to holde pleas of debt, trespassse, and other personall ac-
tions and suites: And when the parties that be arrested or atta-
ched, are brought forth to aunswere to suche actions and suites,
as shoulde be objected agaynst them, then many tymes there is no
declaration or matter layde agaynst the parties so arrested or atta-
ched, wherevnto they may make any aunswere: And so the partie
arrested, is very maliciously put to great charges & expences, with-
out any iust or reasonable cause. And yet neuerthelesse, hytherto, by
order of the lawe, the partie so greeued and vexed, could neuer haue
any costes or damages, to hym to be iudged or awarded so: the sayd
vniust veration and trouble.

FOR remedie wherof, be it enacted and ordained by the autho-
ritie of this present Parliament, that when, & as often as any per-
son or persons, after the first day of January next comming, shal sue
forth, or by any meane, cause or procure to be sued forth of the said
court, commonly called the kynge's benche, any of the writs or pro-
cesse before mentioned, agaynst any person or persons, whiche vpon
the same writ or writs, shal happen to be arrested, or which shal ap-
peare vpon the retorne of any the said writtes or processe, & shal put
in his or their baile or bailes, to aunswere such suite, as shalbe objec-
ted agaynst him according to the common order of the court: that then
in euery such case, if the partie or parties, at whose suite, meanes, or

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procurement, the same writ, writtes, or procelle was obtayned or sued forth, do not within thre dayes next after suche bayle had and taken, put into the same court his or their declaration agaynst the same partie or parties, agaynst whom suche writtes or procelle hath ben or shalbe sued, or if after declaration had and put into the same court, the plaintife in suche case shall not prosecute the same with effect, but shal willingly and apparauntly to the same court, suffer his or their sayde suite to be delayed, or shall after declaration so had, suffer the same suite to be discontinued, or other wise, shalbe nonsuite in the same: That then in euery such case, the Judges of the said court for the time being, shal by their discretions, from time to time, as they shall see or perceave any suche default to be in the partie or parties, at whose suite, meanes, or procurement, such writs or procelle was sued forth, awarde and iudge to euery suche person and persons, so arrested, bered, molested, or troubled by such writtes, or suite, his and their costes, damages, and charges, by any meanes sustayned by occasion of any such writs, procelle, arrestes, or suites, taken, sued, or had agaynst hym, to be payde by suche person or persons, that so doth, or shall cause or procure any such writtes or procelle to be sued forth, as is aforesayde.

AND be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that yf any person or persons, shall after the sayde first day of Januarie, cause or procure any other person or persons, to be attached or arrested to answer to any bill, plainte, action, or suite, in the sayde court of the Marshalsey, or in any court within the sayde Citie of London, or in any Citie, Borough, Towne corporate, or other place or places, where any libertie or priuilege is vsed to holde plea, in any action or actions personall, and do not in all courtes, hauyng their continuance, De die in diem, within thre dayes next after suche tyme as the partie defendaunt or defendantes shalbe bayled, or other wyse appeare in court, by force of any arrest or attachment had and returned, and in all other courtes at the next session or court to be holden, after suche arrestes or attachments, and apperaunce of the partie defendaunt or defendantes, where as the sayde partie defendaunt or defendantes, shalbe compelled, or ought to appeare, vnlesse a further day shalbe especially geuen, by the discretion of the court, from whence any precept, procelle, or attachment, shalbe awarded, put and exhibite his bill, or declaration, agaynst suche person or persons, as so by his suite and meanes, shalbe attached or arrelled into suche court, where the partie by suche attachment or arrest, is compelled, or ought to appeare, or yf any suche person or persons, at whose suite or meanes any suche attachment or arrest of any person or persons, shalbe so had and made, after his declaration, bill,

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bill, or playnte exhibited, do not from thenceforth prosecute the same his suite with effect, or shal suffer the same to be discontinued, or shal after be nonsuite in the same, or willingly and apparantly to the same court, shal so: beration of the defendaunt in suche suite delay the same suite: That then in euery suche case, the Judge or Judges of euery suche court, befoze whom any person or persons shal so be sued, molested, or troubled, by occasion or meane of any suche attachment or arrest, or by suche suite or suites, shal forthwith by his or their discretion, from time to time, as he or they shal see or perceauie any suche default or delay, in the partie that caused or procured any suche attachment or arrest to be had, a warde and iudge to euery suche person or persons, whiche after the sayde first day of Januarie, shal so be attached, arrested, molested, bered, or troubled, his costes, damages, and charges, by any meanes sustayned by occasion of any suche attachment, arrest, or suite so had and taken agaynst hym, to be payde by suche person or persons, that so doth, or shal cause or procure any such attachment or arrest to be so had or made.

And yf any person or persons, at any tyme after the sayde first day of Januarie, shal by any waye or meane, maliciousslye, or for beration and trouble, cause or procure any other person or persons, to be arrested or attached, to aunswere in any the courtes or places aforesayde, at the suite, or in the name of any person or persons, where in deede there is no such person or persons knowen, or without the assent, consent, or agreement of such person or persons, at whose suite, or in whose name suche arrest or attachment is or shalbe so had and procured: that then euery suche person and persons, that so shal cause or procure any suche arrest or attachment of any other person or persons, to be had or made for beration or trouble, as is aforesayde, and shal thereof be conuicted, or lawfully accused, by inditement, presentment, or by the testimonie of two sufficient witnesss, or mo, or other due profe, shal for euery such offence by him or them committed, done, or procured, haue and suffer imprisonment of his or their body or bodys, by the space of sixe monethes, without bayle or maynprie: And befoze he or they shalbe deliuered out of pryson, shal pay vnto the partie or parties so arrested or attached by his or their meanes or procurement, treble the costes, charges, damages, and expences, that he or they shalbe put vnto, by reason or occasion of suche arrest or attachment so had, and shal also forsaite and pay vnto suche person or persons, in whose name, or at whose suite he or they shal so procure suche arrest or attachment to be had or made, yf then there shalbe any suche person knowen, the summe of ten poundes for euery suche offence.

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And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that every person and persons to whom any costes, charges, damages, forsayture, or payment of any summe or summes of money, by auctoritie of this Act shalbe awarded, iudged, or forsayted: shall and maye at all tymes hereafter, haue his or their remedye for the recovery therof, by action of debt, byll or playnt, in any court of Recorde, agaynst such person or persons, their heires, executors, or administrators, as shoulde or ought to pay the same by vertue or force of this Act, in which action, byll, or playnt, no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe admitted or allowed to any the defendaunt, or defendantes in the same.

¶ An Act agaynst carrying ouer sea, Rammes, Lambes, and other Sheepe, alyue.

¶ The. iij. Chapter.



OR sundry good causes and considerations moued in this high court of Parliament, be it enacted by the auctoritie of the same, that no manner of person or persons, of what estate, degree, or condition soeuer he or they be, shall after the last day of February, next ensuyng, byng, deliuer, sende, receaue, or take, or procure to be brought, deliuered, sent, or receaued, into any Shippe or Botherne, any Rammes, Sheepe, or Lambes, or any maner of other kynde of Sheepe, beyng alyue, to be carped and conueyed out of this Realme of Englande, wales, or Irelande, or out of any of the Queenes hyghnes dominions, vpon the payne that every such person and persons, their ayders, abettours, procurers, and comforters, shall for his or their first offence or offences, so done contrary to the true meanyng of this estatute, forsayte and lose all his goodes for euer: whereof, the one moitie shalbe to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, the other moitie to hym or them that wyll sue for the same in any court of Recorde, wherein no essoigne, protection, nor wager of lawe for the defendaunt shall be admitted or allowed. And further, every suche offender or offenders shall suffer imprisonment by the space of one whole yere, without bayle and maynpryse: and at the peres

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peres ende, shall in some open market Towne, in the fulnesse of the market, on the market day, haue his leste hande cut of, and that to be nayled vp, in the openest place of such market. And that euery person or persons estsoones offendyng agaynst this statute, shalbe adiudged a felon, and shall suffer death, as in cases of felonie,

Prouided alwayes, that this Act shall not extend to any corruption of blood, or be prejudicial or hurtful to any woman, claymyng dowre by or from any such offender or offenders: Any thyng in this Act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that the Iustices of Oyer and terminer, Iustices of Gaile deliuerie, & Iustices of Peace, in euery Countie and Shire within this Realme of Englande and wales, and other the Queenes Maiesties dominions, shall haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of this Act, to enquire of euery offender and offenders contrary to the fourme and effect of this Act, and to heare and determine euery offence and offences, committed, perpetrated, and done contrary to the fourme and effecte of the same, accordyng to the course of the lawes of this Realme.

¶ An Act to take away the benefite of Cleargie from certayne felonious offenders.

¶ The. iiij. Chapter.



Here a certayne kynde of euyl disposed persons, commonly called Cutpurses, or pychpurses, but in deede by the lawes of this lande very felons and theeuers, do confeder together, makyng among them selues, as it were, a brotherhod or fraternitie of an art or misterie, to lyue idellye by the secreete spoyle of the good and true subiectes of this Realme. And aswell at Sermons and preachynges of the worde of God, and in places and tyme of doyng seruice and common prayer in Churches, Chappelles, Closettes, and Oratories: And not only there, but also in the Princes palace, house, yea and presence, and at the places and

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and courtes of iustice, and at the tymes of ministracion of the lawes in the same, and in faires, Markets, and other assemblies of people: Yea, and at the time of doying of execution, of such as ben attainted of any murder, felonye, or other criminall cause, ordeyned chiefly for terrour & example of euyl doers, do without respect or regard of any time, place, or person, or of any feare or dread of God, or any lawe or punishment, vnder the cloke of honestie, by their outward apparell, countenance, and behauiour, subtiltie, priuillie, craftilie, and feloniously, take the goods of diuers good & honest subiectes, from their persons, by cutting & picking theyr purses, & other felonious slaights and deuyses, to the vtter vndoing and empouerishment of many.

Be it therfore enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that no person or persons, whiche hereafter shall happen to be indited or appealed for felonious taking of any money, goodes, or cattels, from the person of any other, priuilye without his knowledge, in any place whatsoeuer, and therupon founde gyltie by verdict of twelue men, or shall confesse the same vpon his or theyr arraignment, or wyll not aunswere directly to the same, according to the lawes of this Realme, or shall stande wyllfully, or of malice, or obstinately muet, or challenge peremptorie aboue the number of twentie, or walbe vpon suche inditement or appeale outlawed, shall from henceforth be admitted to haue the benefite of his or theyr cleargie, but vtterly be excluded thereof, and shall suffer death, in suche manner and fourme, as they shoulde yf they were no Clearkes.

And where also as diuers persons done oft tymes commit and do diuers and sundry detestable murders, heynous robberies and felonies, and other capitall offences, for the whiche cleargie is not allowable by the lawes and statutes of this Realme, and after the same offences so done, either flee out of the Countie or other partes of this Realme, into the parties beyond the seas, or kepe themselves secrete in other places, where they are not knowne for a great tyme, and after happen to commit some other fellonie, for the which they may haue theyr Cleargie, and beyng arraigned for the same, haue theyr Cleargie to them allowed, and therupon committed to the custodie of the ordinarie, accordyng to the lawe and custome of this Realme, the former offence wherein Cleargie is not grauntable, being not then knowne, & so by that meanes can not after be impeached for the sayd other horrible and great offences, by the lawe & custome of this Realme, to the great encouraging of offendours, blyng suche practises of foreknowledge & set purpose, for their discharge of the same.

For reformation whereof, be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that euery person and persons, which shall hereafter vpon his and theyr arraignment for any fellonie, be admitted to the benefite of his Cleargie, by the lawes of this Realme, and deliuered to the

the ordinarie for the same, and shall make his due purgation for the same offence or offences, whereupon he was so admitted to his Cleargie, and shall before the same admission to his Cleargie, haue committed any other such offence wherupon Cleargie by the lawes or statutes of this Realme is not allowable, and not beyng thereof before indited, and acquitted, convicted, or attainted, or pardoned, shal and maye be indited or appealed for the same, and thereupon put to aunswere, and ordered, and vled in al things according to the lawes and statutes of this Realme, in such and lyke maner and fourme, as though no such admission of Cleargie had ben: Any lawe, custome, or vsage to the contrarie, notwithstanding.

¶ An Act for thabridgement of appeales in
suites of Ciuile and Marine causes.

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Or the auoyding aswell of long and tedious suites, as also of great charges & expences in prosecutyng of Ciuile and Marine causes, by reason of diuers appeales permitted to be made by order of the lawes ciuill in suche causes, and to thintent that aswell strangers, as also others the subiects of this Realme, that shall haue cause of suite in those matters, may haue such expeditiō in the same, as theyr natures and qualities do require:

Be it enacted by the Queenes Maiestie our Soueraigne Lady, the Lords spiritual and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that from the last daye of this present session of Parliament, all and euery such iudgement and sentence diffinitive, as shalbe geuen or pronounced in any ciuile and marine cause, vpon appeale lawfully to be made therein, to the Queenes Maiestie in her highnes Court of Chauncery, by such Commissioners or delegates, as shalbe nominated and appointed by her Maiestie, her heyres or successours, by commission vnder the halfe seale, as it hath ben heretofore vled, in such cases, shalbe finall, and no further appeale to be had or made from the sayd iudgement or sentēce diffinitive, or from the sayde Commissioners or delegates, for or in the same: Any lawe, vsage, or custome, to the contrarpe, notwithstanding.

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☞ An Act touchyng Clothworkers, and
Clothes redy wrought, to be
shypped ouer the Sea.

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*Or the better employment and
reliefe of great multitudes of the
Queenes Maiesties subiectes, vsing
the arte and labour of clothworking,
it maye please the Queenes most ex-
cellent Maiestie, at the most humble
suite of her sayde subiectes, that it be
enacted.*

And be it enacted by aucthoritie of
this present Parliament, that from
hencefoorth for euery nyne Clothes
brought, hereafter to be shypped
or caried into any the partes beyond the seas, contrary to the fourme
of any Statute heretofore made, and nowe remainyng in strength,
by force of any licence hereafter to be graunted, the partie that shall
shyppe or carry ouer the same, shall shyppe and carry ouer also one
lyke wollen Cloth, of lyke sorte, length, breadth, and goodnes, redy
wrought and dresed, that is to saye, rowed, barbed, fyft coursed and
thorne from the one ende to the other, so that euery tenth Cloth
passyng ouer the seas, in fourme aforesayde, maye and shalbe dresed
within this Realme, before the same shalbe shypped or transported
ouer, vppon payne to forsayte for euery suche nyne Clothes so to be
shypped or transported, contrarie to the meanyng of this Acte,
tenne poundes.

Prourded alway, that euery suche tenth Cloth, so to be trans-
ported redye wrought, shall not be accompted any of the Clothes,
permitted to be transported by force of suche licence, but that suche
person as shall haue suche licence, maye transporte, accordyng to
suche licence, the full number of Clothes brought, mentioned in
the same licence, ouer and aboue the number of such tenth Clothes,
whiche they shall be compelled to shyppe and carrye ouer by force
of this statute.

And be it further enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that from
the last daye of february now next commyng, no person shall shippe
or carry into the partes beyond the seas, contrary to the fourme of
any statute heretofore made, nowe remainyng in force, any Cloth,
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commonly called Kentyſhe Cloth, or Suffolke Cloth, made, or to be made in the counties of Kent or Suffolke, brought and vnderſet within this Realme, that is to ſaye, not rowed, barbed, fiſt courſed, and ſhorne. vpon payne to forſayte for euery ſuch Cloth, commonly called Kentyſhe or Suffolke Cloth, made, or to be made in eyther of the ſayde counties, ſo to be ſhypped or transported, contrary to the fourme of this ſtatute, fourtie ſhyllinges.

And that no licence for transporting of any cloth or clothes, ſhalbe conſtrued or expounded, to extende to any ſuche Kentyſhe or Suffolke cloth, made, or to be made, in eyther of the ſayde counties, to be from hencefoorth transported. And that all the forſaytures appoynted by this ſtatute, for transporting of Clothes, ſhalbe, the one halfe to the Queenes Maieſtie, her heyres, and ſucceſſours, the other moitie, to the Maiſter and wardens of the ſayde compaignie of Clothworkers, to the reliefe of the pooze of the ſayde compaignie, to be recouered in any court of record, by action of debt, byll, playnt, or information, wherein no eſſoigne, protection, nor wager of lawe, for the defendaunt ſhalbe admitted or allowed.

¶ An Act touchyng Drapers, Cottoners, and Fryzers, in the Towne of Shrewſbury.

¶ The. vij. Chapter.



TOrasmuche as in the Towne of Shrewſbury in the countie of Salope, there hath ben, tyme out of mynd of man, and yet is, a compaignie, fraternitie, or guylde, of the arte and miſterie of Drapers, which ſayd compaignie, fraternitie, or guylde, hath ben by a great tyme lawfully incorporated, and made a bodie politicke: which ſayd corporation and fraternitie, hath by reaſon of a certaine trade and occupation of bying and ſelleng of welſhe Cloth and Lynyng, commonly called Cottons, Fryzes, and Playnes, whiche they haue had and vſed amongeſt them, ben able not onely to lyue thereby, but alſo haue at theyr common coſtes, prouyded houſes and other neces.

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necessaries for poore people within the said Towne of Shrewsbury, whom also with further reliefe they do weekly helpe and maintayne. And by the same theyr trade aforesayde, haue bled most commonly to set on worke, aboue six hundred persons. of the arte or science of Shermen or fryzers, within the sayde Towne of Shrewsbury, whereby aswell they, as theyr poore wyues and families, are whollie mayntayned and kept. To the impechement and hinderance of whiche sayde trade, diuers artificers and other persons within the sayde Towne of Shrewsbury, not beyng of the sayde companie or mysterie, nor brought by in the vse of the sayde trade, haue of late with great disorder, vpon a meare couetous desyre and mynde, intromitted with, and occupied the sayde trade of bying of welthe cloth or lynyng, hauyng no knowledge, experience, or skyll, in the same. By reason whereof, the sayde ignorant and unskyllfull persons, haue and do bye commonly and dayly suche welthe cloth and lynyng, as is defectiue, and not truely made, accordyng to the good lawes and statutes of this Realme in that behalfe prouyded. By meanes whereof, the sayde trade is greatly decayed and discredited, to the greate losse and hinderance of suche poore Shermen and fryzers, as were wont to be set on worke thereby, and of all others that were wont to be mayntayned, and relieued by the sayde trade, aswell in makyng, as workyng of the sayde fryzes, Cottons, and Playnes, and to the greate deceyte, damage, and hinderance of all the Queenes Maiesties subiectes, that bye and prouyde the same, and to the slander and discredite of the sayde commodities in foren partes, where, by the occasion aforesayde, they are growen out of estimation and credite. And where moreouer in the Parliament holden at Westminster, in the fourth and fyfth yeres of the raigne of our late Soueraigne Lorde and Ladye King Philip and Queene Marie, vppon good and deliberate aduise, amongst other thinges, it was enacted, that no person nor persons, whiche shoulde bye to sell agayne, by waye of retayle or otherwyle, any of the sayde welthe lynyngs, shoulde dresse or worke, or cause to be dressed and wrought, within his or theyr dwelling house or houses, or in any other place, by hym selfe, or his seruaunt, any of the sayde welthe lynyngs: but shoulde put the same to some suche person or persons, as shoulde be of the art or science of Shermen, Cottoners, or fryzers, to be by them wrought and dressed, vppon payne of forfaiture for every welthe Cloth or Lynyng, fryzed or cottoned to the contrary, six shyllings and eyght pence, as in the same Acte doth appeare. Sithens which tyme, diuers persons for the defraudyng of the sayd statute, haue caused others to bye the sayde fryzes, Cottons, and Playnes, and then to take the workmanship thereof vnto themselves, of suche byers: vsyng the lyke fraude, by bying, and turnyng

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worke ouer vnto the same persons, of whom they receaue worke, to the manifeste defrauding of the good entent and meanyng of the sayde statute.

For remedy wherof, & for the benefite and reliefe of the poore men, that be Shermen and fryzers: Be it enacted by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that from and after the feast of Easter next ensuing, no maner person or persons, whatsoever, inhabityng & dwelling within the sayde Towne of Shrewsbury, or the liberties and franchises of the same Towne, other then suche as haue, or shal haue serued as apprentices in the said occupation and science of Drapers, or be, or shalbe free of the sayde science or mysterie, shall occupie, vse, exercise, or frequent the sayd trade, arte, mysterie, or science, of bying of the sayd welsh Cloth or Linyng, Cottons, fryzes, and Playnes, nor haue any factour or doer for him or them in the same, nor by any colour, engin, or fraude, be any occupper of the sayd fryzes, Cottons, and Plaines, vpon payne that euery person and persons, inhabiting as is aforesayde, and occupying, vsing, or exercising the sayde trade, occupation, or science of bying of welsh Cloth and Linyng, and not aucthorised by this present Acte, shal lose and forsayte for euery pece of the same Clothes so bought, six shyllinges and eight pence.

And ouer that, be it further enacted, that no person, dwelling and inhabiting, as is aforesayd, and vsing or occupying the sayd trade of bying of fryzes, Cottons, or Playnes, shal vse or exercise the facultie of fryzing or cottoning, vpon payne to incurre such lyke forsaytures for euery offence, as is aboue mentioned. The moitie of all whiche paynes and forsaytures aboue mentioned, shalbe to our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heires, and successours, and the other moitie to such person and persons, as wyll sue for the same in any Court of recorde, by action, byll, or plainte, of dette, wherein no protection, excoigne, iniunction, or wager of lawe shalbe alowed and admitted.

Foroudded alwayes, and be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that this present Acte, or any thyng, sentence, or matter therin conteyned, shall not extende or be in any wyse preiudiciall or hurtfull, to any such person or persons, as haue heretofore vsed, occupied, or frequented the said trade, arte, mysterie, or science, of bying or sell yng of welsh Clothes and Linyngs aforesayd: but that euery such person and persons, which hath or haue vsed the sayde trade or science, as is aforesayd, shall and may haue and enioye the like benefyte, commoditie, and aduantage, aswell in bying and sell yng the sayde welsh Clothes and Linyngs, as other wyse, in as large, free, and ample maner and fourme, as yf this Acte had neuer ben made.

And further, to thintent the sayde poore Shermen, fryzers, and Cottoners, may be the better relieved and maintayned, be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that all and euery person and persons,
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occupying and vsing, or whiche hereafter at any tyme shall occupie or vse the sayde trade, science, or arte of bying and selleng of welthe Cloth and Lynynges aforesayde, and shall from the feast of Easter next ensuyng, deliuer any welthe Cloth or Lynyngs aforesayde, to be cottoned, fryed, dresed, or wrought, to any Sherman, Cottoner, or fryer, shall deliuer, content, and pay to the sayd Sherman, Cottoner, or fryer, redye and present money for all his sayde worke, without any colour, fraude, or engine, whatsoever, and shall not deliuer any ware or other thyng whatsoever, in contentation or satisfaction of his sayd worke, or any part therof, byon payne that euery person offending in this behalfe, shall soorthwith lose all such liberties, freedoms, and priuileges, whiche he hath or shall haue, as one of the sayde companie, fraternitie or gylde of the sayde arte and misterie of Drapers: and also shal for euer after, be vtterly disabled, and excluded to vse, occupie, or enioy, by him selfe, or by any other for him, or to his vse, the sayd trade, arte, misterie, or science of bying or selling of welthe Clothes or Linings, this Acte or any other matter or thyng whatsoever to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

¶ An Act for the Repeale of a braunche of
a statute, made. 32. H. 8. for the stature of
Horses within the Isle of Ely, and other
places confyning thervnto.

¶ The. viij. Chapter.



Here at a Parliament holden
at westminster, the. xxxii. yere of the
raigne of the most victorious Prince
of famous memorie King Henry the
eight, mosse deare father vnto the
Queenes excellente hyghnes, our
Soueraigne Ladye that nowe is,
amonges other things it was ordey-
ned, establyshed, and enacted, by the
sayde late King, with thassent of the
Lords spirituall and temporall, and
the commons of the same Parlia-
ment assembled, for the increase and
breede of greater and stronger Horses from thence after to be had,
within this Realme of England: that no Commoner or Comoners
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within any forest, Chase, Moe, Marishe, Heath, Common, or waste ground, nor any officer or officers, of, or within any of the sayde forestes or Chases, nor any other person or persons, whatsoeuer he or they be, at any tyme after the last day of Marche, whiche shoulde be in the yere of our Lorde God. M. D. xliiii. then next folowynge the Session of the same, shoulde haue or put to pasture, into or vppon any suche ground, forest, Chase, Moe, Marishe, Heath, Common, or waste ground, any stoned Horse or Horses, beyng aboue the age of two yeres, and not beyng of the altitude and heygth of fyfteen handfull, to be measured from the lowest part of the hooft, vnto the higher parte of the wyther, and euery handfull to conteyne foure ynches of the Standerd, to pasture, feede, or to be noryshed in or vppon any of the sayde forestes, Chases, Commons, Moes, Marishes, Heathes, or waste groundes, within any of the Shires and Territories of Norfolk, Suffolke, Cambridge, Buckingham, Huntingdon, Essex, Kent, Southampton, Northwiltshire, Oxforde, Barke, Worcester, Gloucester, Somerset, Northwales, Southwales, Bedford, Warwick, Northampton, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Stafford, the Countie of the Citie of Yorke, the Towne and liberties of Gloucester, the Countie of the Towne of Ryngston vppon Hull, the Countie Palantine of Lancaster, the Countie of Sallop, Leicestershire, Hereford, and Lyncolne, or within any of them, nor shall put to feede or pasture any stoned Horse or Horses, beyng aboue the sayde age of two yeres, & not beyng in heygth of. xliiii. handfull, to be measured as is abouesayde, within or vppon any lyke ground or groundes, as ben aboue wyrtten, lying or beyng within any other Shire of this Realme, neyther yet any of them, vppon payne of forsaith and losse of the sayde Horse or Horses, whiche shoulde be founde in or vppon any suche Ground, forest, Chase, Moe, Marishe, Heath, Common, or waste ground, at any tyme after the sayde last day of Marche, whiche was in the yere of our Lorde God. M. D. xliiii. contrarie to the fourme of the sayde late estatute, and further, as by the sayd estatute more fullye and at large maye appeare. By reason whereof, and since whiche tyme, diuers and sundrye greate and manyfolde hurtes, hinderances, and losses hath happened and chaunced, as well to the inhabitaunts of the Moes, Marishes, and fenne groundes, within the Ile of Ely, situate, lying and beyng in the sayde Countie of Cambridge, as also to the inhabitauntes of other the Moes, Marishes, and fenne groundes within the sayd Shire, togethers with the Counties of Huntingdon, Northampton, Lyncolne, Norfolk and Suffolke, next adioynning and bordering vppon the same Ile: for that the sayde Moes, Marishes, and fenne groundes, because of theyr rottennesse, vnfirmnesse, moysture, and waterynesse, were neuer able, ne yet are, to breade, beare, or byng

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foorth suche great breede of stoned Horses, of such bignesse and hygh stature, as within thasoresayd statute are expresse, without daunger and peryl of the mireyng, drownyng, and perishing of the same, wherevpon many promoters, takyng occasion by reason of thasoresayde estatute, haue aswell entred into the sayde Ile, as also other the Moores, Marshes, and fenne grounds, in all the countrey next bordering and ioyning vnto the same, and taken awaye, by vertue and puruey of the sayde estatute, from diuers pooze men, not beyng able otherwyle to remedie the same, their Horse, not being comparable of lyke stature to the sayd estatute, aswell to the greate losse and hinderaunce of all the breede of Horses there, no man daryng to put any suche foorth on the sayde groundes, for feare of suche persons: as also to the bitter subuersion and decaye of all the tillage and cariage within the sayde Ile, and others the countreys round about the same, in tyme to come.

For reformation and redress wherof, be it enacted by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, the Lords spirituall and temporall, and the commons of this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same: That as much of thasoresayd estatute, made in the sayde. xxii. yere of kyng Henry the eyght, or yet any part, braunch, or article, or any parcell thereof, touchyng or concernyng any the Marshes and leggie fenne grounds within the sayd Ile, situate, lying and beyng in the sayde countie of Cambridge, togethers with all others the Marshes and leggie fenne groundes, within the sayd Shires of Cambridge, Huntington, Northampton, Lincolne, Norfolke and Suffolke, shalbe from hencefoorth vtterly repealed, frustrate, voyde, and of none effecte in the lawe: Any thyng in the sayde former acte expresse to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Neuerthelesse, be it ordeyned and enacted by thauuthoritie of this present Parliament, that no person or persons whatsoeuer he or they be, at any tyme after the last day of March next comming, shall haue or put to pasture into or vppon any Marsh or leggie fenne ground within the sayde Ile of Ely, or into or vpon any Marsh or leggie fenne grounds within the said counties of Cambridge, Huntington, Northampton, Lincolne, Norfolke and Suffolke, or any of them, any stoned Horse or Horses, being aboue thage of two yeres, and not being of the altitude & height of. xiii. handfull, to be measured fro the lowest part of the hooft of the forefoote, vnto the higher part of the wither, and euery handfull to conteyne. iiii. ynches of the standerd, to pasture, feede, or to be nourished, in or vpon any the sayd Marshes, or leggie fenne groundes, within the sayd Ile, and within the said counties of Cambridge, Huntington, Northampton, Lincolne, Norfolke and Suffolke, or any of them, vpon such and the like payne, as by the sayd former Acte is limited and expresse.

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¶ An Act to repeale a braunche of a statute,
made in An. 23. H. 8. touchyng the
pryces of Barrels, and Kilderkins.

¶ The. ix. Chapter.



In their moste humble wyse, shewen
vnto the Queenes most excellent Maie-
tie, and vnto the Lordes spirituall and
temporall, and vnto the commons in
this present Parliament assembled: the
Cowpers of the Citie of London, and of
all other Cities and Townes within this
Realme of England, that where in the
Parliament holden by prorogation at
Westminster, the. xv. daye of Januarie, in
the. xxiij. yere of the raigne of the late
Kynge of famous memorie Kynge Henry the eyght, ffather to our
sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes hyghnes that nowe is, there
was one Statute made and enacted, entituled: In Acte, that no
Brewers of Beere or Ale, shall make theyr Barrells, Kilderkins, nor
fyzkyns within them, and howe muche the same Barrells, Kilder-
kins and fyzkyns shall conteyne. In whiche statute, amongst other
thynges therein conteyned, it is enacted, that no artificer of the
Cowpers, shall enhaunce the pryces of any suche Barrells, Kilder-
kins, fyzkyns, or other vessels, in the sale of them, to any Ale brewer,
or Beere brewer, or other person, as in the sayde Acte are mentio-
ned, but shoulde kepe the rates of suche pryces, as in the same Acte
are expresse, and not aboue, bypon payne to forfaitte for euery Bar-
rell, Kilderkyn, and fyzkyn, defectiue or enhaunced in pryce, in any
poynte contrary to the sayde Acte. iiii. s. iiii. d. (That is to saye) for
euery Beere barrell. ix. d. for euery Beere kilderkyn. v. d. and for
euery beere fyzkyn. iiii. d. And the Ale barrell. xvi. d. the ale kilderkyn
ix. d. and the ale fyzkyn. v. d. as by the same Acte, amongst diuers
other thynges therein conteyned, more fully and at large doth and
maye appeare. Since whiche time, the Cloueboorde and stufte wher-
of the sayde vessels and the hoopes thereof shoulde be made, are ry-
sen and growen to suche excessiue pryces, that suche as do make the
sayde vessels, can not make and sell any suche Barrells, Kilderkins,
fyzkyns, or other vessels, at the pryces expresse in the sayd estatute,
but to theyr great losse and hinderauce: whereby the misterie,
trade, and facultie of the sayd Cowpers, is vtterlye ouerthrowen, to
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the impoueryshement and vtter vndoyng of them, theyr wyues, chyldren, and families, as is most euident.

Forasmuch as at the tyme of the making of the sayd estatute, the Cowpers myght haue bought a thousand of Barrell bordes for xii.s. 02. xiii.s. iiii.d. and a thousand of Kilderhyn bordes, for. ix. s. 02. r. s. and a loade of hoopes for. ix. s. 02. r. s. And nowe a thousand of Barrell borde can not be bought vnder. xxxiii.s. iiii.d. and. xl.s. and a thousand of Kilderhyn borde vnder. xxi.s. viii. d. and a loade of hoopes vnder. xxxiii. s. iiii. d. and. xl.s. as is right well and notori-ously knowen:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, the Lords spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by thauthoritie of the same, that as much of euery article, clause, and sentence, comprysed in the sayde estatute, made in the said. xxiij. yere of the raigne of the said late king, as doth touche or concerne the pryces of Barrells, Kilderhyns, fyerhyns, and other vessels, and all and euery payne and forsaiture expessed and declared in the sayde Acte, for sell yng of any of the sayde kynde of vessels, aboue the pryces before specified, from the time of new pryces to be set in fourme hereafter expessed, for suche places onelye as the same newe pryces shalbe set, shalbe clearly repealed, frustrate, and made voyde. And that from hencefoorth the pryces of all Barrells, Kilderhyns, fyerhyns, and other vessels to be solde, for Ale, Beere, or Hope, to be vttered therein, shalbe rated and tared by Mayres, Baylyfes, and other head officer or officers of euery Citie and Towne corporate, where any suche vessels shalbe made, or offered to be solde: And where suche vessels shalbe made or solde out of any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, the pryces thereof shalbe rated and tared by the Justices of the peace, or the more parte of them, beyng present in the generall or quarter Sessions, yerely next after Easter, at suche reasonable pryces, as they shal thynke reasonable by theyr discretions. The sayd estatute made in the sayde xxiij. yere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Henry the eyght, or any other lawe, custome, or vsage, to the contrarye thereof, in any wyse notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, that yf the sayde Cowpers, or any of them, shall not make sale, accordyng to such pryces as shalbe rated, as is aforesayde, after proclamation thereof made: that then euery person and persons so offendyng, shall for the same, incurre the paynes and forsaitures mentioned in the sayd statute, made the sayd xxiij. yere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng: That is to wyt, for euery Barrell, Kilderhyn, and fyerhyn, which shalbe sold at greater pryce then shalbe rated and tared, as is aforesayde, the summe of iii.s. iiii.d. of lawfull money of England, whereof the one moitie to be

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to be to the Queenes hyghnes, her heyres and successours, and the other moitie to suche person or persons, as wyll sue for the same, by action of det, in any court of recorde, wherein no protection, esloigne, or wager of lawe shalbe allowed or admitted.

¶ An Act for Bowyers, and the
pryces of Bowes.

¶ The. x. Chapter.



Oste humblye complaynyng, sheweth vnto your hyghnes, and to your hygh Court of Parliament, your obedient subiectes, the Bowyers, dwelling and inhabiting within the Citie of London, & the Suburbes of the same: That where in the Parliament of the late Kyng of most famous memorie, kyng Henry the eighth, begunne and holden at Westminster, the xvi. day of Januarie, in the. xxxiii. yere of the raigne of the sayd late king, and there continued vntyll the first daye of Aprill then next folowynge, there was one Acte and statute then made and prouyded, intituled: In Act for the maintenaince of Artillerie, and debarring of vnlawful games. In whiche Acte and statute, amongst other thynges, there is one braynche conteyned and specified: The tenour wherof is, as hereafter foloweth. That is to saye, and to thintent, that every person maye haue Bowes of meane pryce, be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that every Bowyer dwelling out of the Citie of London, shal after the feast of the Purification of our Lady then next commynge, for every Bowe that he maketh of Ewe, make three other Bowes meete to shote in, of Elme, witchhasell, Ashe, and other wood, apte for the same, vnder the payne to lose and forsayte for every suche Bowe so lackynge. iii. s. iii. d. And every Bowyer, dwelling within the Citie and Suburbes of London, shal after the sayd feast of the Purification of our Lady then next commynge, for every Bowe of Ewe, make two other Bowes apte for shotyng, of Ashe, Elme, witchhasell, or other wood, meete for the same, vnder lyke payne and forsayture, as by the sayde statute more playnely it doth and may appeare. And although the sayd braynche

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braunche of the sayde statute, be nedefull and expedient to remayne and continue for suche Bowyers as do dwell and inhabite in the Countrey, and other places out of the Citie of London, and the Suburbes of the same: Yet soasmuch as there be very fewe or no Bowes of Elme, witchhasell, or Ashe, or of any other wood, then onely of Ewe, used or occupied by any person within the sayde Citie and Suburbes of the same: therefore the sayde braunche of the sayde Acte and statute before rehearsed, was not, ne is nedefull to be had and made for the Bowyers, dwelling within the sayde Citie and Suburbes. And yet neuerthelesse, your sayde subiectes, for the auoyding of the daunger and penaltie contayned in the sayde braunche, are dayly enforced to make suche great number of Bowes of Elme, witchhasell, and Ashe, that they can not in conuenient tyme, better and sell the same, but are constrained to kepe suche Bowes by them so made, vntill they be putrified, and not meete for any good vse or purpose. By reason whereof, muche of the sayde wood of Elme, witchhasell, and Ashe, is dayly wasted and consumed in making of the sayd Bowes, and your said subiectes, by suche losses as they dayly sustayne in makinge suche Bowes, greatly impouerished, and the common wealth thereby nothing aduanced, but rather hindered. And where also in the seuerall statutes of the noble kyng of famous memorie, kyng Edward the fourth, made in the. xxi. yere of his raigne, and in the thirde yere of the raigne of kyng Henry the seventh, Graundfather to our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and in the sayde. xxxiii. yere of the raigne of our said late Soueraigne Lorde, kyng Henry the eyght, father to our sayd Soueraigne Lady, there is mention made of the pryces of Bowes, whiche at those seuerall tymes, was appoynted to be but. iiii. s. iiii. d. and not aboue, to sell the best. At whiche sayde tymes, suche Bowes myght well haue ben so solde to any person or persons, accordyng to the rates and pryces expressed in the sayd seuerall Actes, vntill now, within this twentie yeres, the pryces of Bowstaues haue diuersly ben raysed and enhaunced, from fife poundes a hundreth, to. xii. li. or thereaboutes, for whiche causes, the pryces contayned in the sayde seuerall statutes, can not be obserued: And yet your Maiesties sayde subiectes the Bowyers, are presently in daunger of the sayde seuerall statutes concernyng the pryces of Bowes, whiche they humbly beseeche your Maiestie, with thassent of your high court of Parliament, may be releassed vnto them, and the penalties appoynted for the same.

BE IT therfore enacted, ordayned, and established, by the Queenes Maiestie our Soueraigne Lady, with thassent of the Lordes spiritual and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament

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assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that the sayde statutes of kyng Edward the fourth, and kyng Henry the seventh, concerning the pyces of Bowes, and all the braunches contayned in the sayde statute of kyng Henry the eighth, so farre forth as the same extendeth to the pyces of Bowes therein expessed only, from the first day of this present Parliament, and so for ever, be thereby clearly repealed and made voyde and frustrate, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, and also all and every clause and sentence of the sayd statute of kyng Henry the eighth before recited, tending to the making of Bowes of Elme, witchhasell, Althe, and other wood, besides Cwe before rehearsed, or any penaltie therein contained, for any the sayde last rehearsed premisses, from henceforth for ever shall not be entended, construed, or taken to extend to any Bowyer now dwelling or inhabiting, or whiche hereafter shall happen to dwell or inhabite within the Cities of London and Westminster, or the Suburbes of any of them, or in the Borough of Southwarke, in the Countie of Surrey: The sayde statutes, or any thing in them, or any of them, contayned in any wyle to the contrary, notwithstanding.

AND be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that all and every the sayde Bowyers within the sayde Cities and Suburbes of London and Westminster, & Borough of Southwarke, shall from henceforth from tyme to tyme, and at all times hereafter, provide and haue in his or their custody, the number of fiftie good and able Bowes of Elme, witchhasell, or Althe, at the least, wel and substauncially made and wrought, vpon payne that every of the sayde Bowyers, whiche by the space of twentie dayes, shall not haue in his custodie suche number of the sayd Bowes of witchhasell, Elme, or Althe, redye made, and meete to be solde and bled as aforesayde, shall hereafter for every Bowe lacking of the number aforesayde, forsaite. x.s. the one moitie of whiche forsaiteure, shalbe to our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and the other moitie therof, shalbe to him or them, vsyng the arte of an Armourer, fletcher, or maker of Bowstrynges, that wyll sue for the same, by action of debt, bill, playnte, or other wyle, in any court of Recorde, in which action and suite, no protection, or wager of law, shall in any wise be admitted or allowed for the defendaunt.

PROVIDED alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that yf any Bowyer, after the fyrst day of May next commynge, do sell any Bowes meete for mens shootyng, beyng outlandishe Cwe, and of the best sort, ouer and aboue the pryce of. vi.s. viii.d. or do sell any Bowes meete for mens shootyng, beyng of the seconde sort, ouer and aboue the pryce of. iii.s. iiiii.d. or shall sell any Bowes meete for men, as is aforesaide, beyng of the course sort,
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called liuerpe Bowes, for and aboue the pryce of. ii.s. a peece, or that shall after the sayde first day of May, sell any Bowes beyng Englishe Cwe, ouer and aboue the pryce of. ii.s. the peece: that then the seller or sellers of suche Bowes, shall forsayte for euery Bowe so solde, ouer and aboue the pryce aforesayde. xl.s. the one moitie therof. to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyyes. and successours, and the other moitie, to the partie vsyng the arte of an Armourer, fletcher, or maker of Bowstrynges, that wyll sue for the same in any court of Recorde, by action of debt, bill, playnte, or other wise, wherein no wager of lawe, esloigne, or protection, shalbe admitted or allowed: Any thing in this Acte, or in any other Act containned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding. This Acte to continue vntyll the last day of the first session of the next Parliament.

¶ An Acte for the true making of *Hattes and Cappes.*

¶ The .xj. Chapter.



Here great multitudes of the Queenes Maiesties true subiectes, vsyng the arte of makynge wollen Cappes, are impouerished and decayed by the excessiue vse of Hattes and feltes, and thereby diuers good Cities and Townes brought to desolation, great plentie of straunge commodities, without necessitie consumed, and great numbers of people enforced to depende vpon the hauiug of foraine woolles, to the discom-

moditie of this Realme, the disservice of seruice to be done to the Queenes Maiestie, and greater euident daungers, if remedy be not provided: It may therefore please the Queenes moste excellent Maiestie, at the lamentable suite and complaynt of her sayd poore subiectes, that it be enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that no person, by hym or her selfe, or by any other, shal after the feast of the Natiuitie of S. John Baptist next commynge, make or worke any felt or Hatte, of, or with any foraine wooll or stuffe, vnlesse suche person shall first haue ben apprentice or couenaunt seruauant, to such misterie of felt or Hat making, by the space of seuen yerres at the least, vpon payne to forsayte all such Hattes or feltes,

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feltes, as he shall make, or cause to be made whyle he worketh, contrary to the fourme of this Act, and five poundes in money for euery moneth that he shall so continue.

AND be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that from the fyrst day of Aprill next comming, no person whatsoener, shal make, sell, or cause to be made or solde, any Cappe or other thing of felt, but only Hattes, nor shall make, sell, or cause to be made or solde, any Cappe of any woollen cloth not knitt. And that no person, after the sayde first day of Aprill, shall dye, or cause to be dyed blacke, any Cappe, with barke or swarfe, but only with copperas and gall, or with woad and madder.

AND (for the setting of many pooze and impotent persons to worke, and for better making of Cappes) that no person, after the sayde first day of Aprill, shall thicke or full in any Wyll, or cause to be thicked or fulled in any Wyll, any Cappe, untill suche tyme as the same Cappe be first well scoured and closed vppon the banche, and halfe thicked at the least in the footestocke. And that no man vnder the degree of a Knyght, or of a Lordes sonne, shall after the sayd first day of Aprill, weare any Hatte or vpper Cappe of veluet, or couered with veluet, on payne to forsayte for euery Hatte, Cap, or other thyng to be made, dyed, thicked, fully, solde, or worne, contrary to the meanyng of this Acte, ten shillinges, whereof the one moitie shalbe to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successors, the other moitie to such person then vsyng the seate of Cappe making, as wyll sue for the same in any court of Recorde, wherein no esloigne, protection, or wager of lawe, for the defendaunt, shalbe admitted or allowed.

AND for the better and truer making of Cappes and Hattes within this Realme: Be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that it shalbe lefull to the Maister and wardens of the company of Haberdashers, within the Citie of London, and to their successors for the time beyng, calling to them one of the company of the Cappers, and another of the makers of Hattes, as often as nede shall require, within the sayde Citie, or within three myles of the same, to searche all and all maner of Cappers and makers of Hattes, and the offendours and defaultes by them found, to correct and punyssh by fines and other wyse, as in like cases they do other offendours and defaultes within the sayde company. And that it shalbe lefull for al Maiors, Bayliffes, and other head officers, in all other Cities and Townes corporate, to do the lyke.

PROVIDED alway, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that euery Hatmaker, that now is a maker or worher of Hatts, and being a houtholder, apprentice, couenaunt seruaunt, or iorneyman, shall or may, duryng such persons naturall life, continue making



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ing of Hattes and feltes, albeit suche person were not bounden
pprentice to the same arte for the space of seven yerres. And be
enacted, that no maker or worker of Hattes, shall take or receaue
any apprentices, contrary to the true meanyng of this Acte, that
is to say, aboue two apprentices at one tyme, nor those for any lesse
tyme, then seven yerres at the least, on payne to suffer for every ap-
prentice to be taken or receaued agaynst the fourme of this Acte,
one monethes imprisonment in the common Gaole, without bayle
or maynprie. And that euery taking or receauyng of apprentice,
contrary to this Acte, shall be voyde: And also suche person so ta-
king or receauyng, shall be from thencefoorth, disabled to haue any
more apprentices, then one at one tyme.

PROVIDED alway, that nothyng in this Act shall extende to
charge any person, allowed to be a feltmaker or Hatmaker, with
any payne or forsayture, for setting or vsyng his or their owne chil-
dren to the making or working of feltes or Hattes, in his or their
owne houses. Provided, that this Acte shall not extende to any
making of Hattes with woosted yarne, in the Citie of Norwiche.

¶ An Acte for Thalnegers fees in Lancashire,
and for length, breadth, and waight of
Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges.

¶ The.xij.Chapter.



HOrasmuche as diuers Clothiers
inhabiting within the Countie
Palatine of Lancaster, seeking
inordinatelly their owne singuler
gaynes, haue of late practised priui-
lye, to conuay and carry away out
of the said Countie diuers Cottons,
Fryzes, and Rugges, there made, to
be solde, before suche tyme as the
Queenes Tulneger of the sayde
Countie, hath fixed vnto euery such
cloth, the Queenes Seale in that
behalse appoynted, and somtyme counterfaytynge and setting to
such their clothes, seales of their owne, myndyng therby, not onely
to defraude the sayde Tulneger of his accustomed fees, due to be
payde to the Queenes highnes vse, for the sealyng of euery suche
cloth, Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge; but also to couer and hyde the vni-
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true and deceitful making of many of the sayd Clothes, contrary to the true meaning of sundry good and wholsome estatutes and lawes heretofore made, aswell for the true making of the clothes beforesaid, as also for the searching, trying, and sealing of the same, to the no litle prejudice and damage of the sayde Vulneger, who standeth charged with the payment of a great annuall summe to the Queenes Maestie, for the sayd Vulneger, in disceipt of her hyghnes subiectes, and discredite of the commoditie of the sayd clothes.

FOR reformation wherof, be it enacted by our said Soueraigne Lady the Queene, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that no person or persons, from and after the first day of Aprill next commyng, shall sell, or put to sale within the sayde Countie, or conuay, or carry, or cause to be conuayed and carryed out of the sayde Countie of Lancaster, any kynde of Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, or Rugges, hereafter to be made within the sayde Countie Palantine of Lancaster, to be solde, befoze such tyme that the owner or maker of euery such Cloth, Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge, shall fire and put to, or cause to be fired and put to euery such Cloth, Fryze, Cotton, or Rugge, one seale of Leade, hauing the marke of euery such owner or clothyer ingraued on the one syde thereof, and the true length of euery suche Cloth, Fryze, Cotton, or Rugge, as it is founde beyng wette, to be ingraued on the other syde of the sayde seale. And also the Queenes hyghnes Vulneger of the sayd Countie Palantine for the tyme beyng, bypon tryall of the wayght of euery suche Cotton, Fryze, and Rugge, shall fire and put, or cause to be fyred and put to euery suche Cotton, Fryze, and Rugge, the Queenes hyghnes seale of Leade, hauing the Portecullies crowned, ingraued on the one syde therof, and the true wayght of euery suche Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge, to be ingraued on the other syde of the same seale, bypon payne of forfayture of all and euery suche Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, conuayed, carryed, sent, solde, and put to sale, or to the intent to be solde, beyng vnsealed, contrary to the meaning of this present Acte: the one moitie thereof to be to the vse of the Queenes hyghnes, her heyres, and successours, and the other moitie thereof, to such person or persons, that shall sease the same Cloth, Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge, or wyl sue for the same, to be recouered in any of the Queenes hyghnes courtes of Recorde, by bill, plaint, information, or otherwise, wherein no esloigne, protectio, or wager of law, shalbe allowed for the defendant.

AND be it further enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde Vulneger, after the sayde first day of Aprill, shall appoint and haue his lawfull deputie within euery of the seuerall Townes of Manchester, Rochedale, Bolton, Blak-

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home, and Bery, in the said Countie where the sayd Aulneger hath ben accustomed to haue his deputie heretofore, there to be redye vpon lawfull request vnto him made, without delay, to way euery of the sayd Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, as shalbe brought vnto euery such deputie, and sealed with the seale of the owner or maker of euery of the same clothes, in fourme besoylayde, and to fire and set to euery of the sayde Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, the Quenes highnes seale besoylayde, to be ingraued in maner and fourme before mentioned, vppon payne of forsayture of. xx.s. for euery packe of Cottons, Fryzes, or Rugges, sealed by the sayde Aulneger, or any of his sayde deputies, before the same be wayed in fourme besoylayde: the one moitie thereof to be to the vse of the Quenes highnes, her heires and successours, and the other moitie thereof, to hym or them that wyl sue for the same, in any of the Quenes Maiesties courtes of Recorde, by bill, plainte, information, action of debt, or other wise, wherein no wager of lawe, protection, or essoigne, shalbe allowed.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that it shalbe lawfull for the saide Aulneger or his deputie, to haue and take of the owner or maker of euery of the sayd Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, or Rugges, for the waying & sealing of euery packe of the sayd Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, iii.d. And for euery peece of such course Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, not amountyng to a whole packe, one halfe peny, and the same to be payde by the owner or byrger of the said clothes, at the waying and sealing of the same: Any custome, vse, or prescription to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding. And forasmuch as such persons as commonly do vse to utter and sell the said seuerall kindes of Cottons, Fryzes, & Rugges, haue ben, and are dayly molested, vered, and troubled, to their great losse and hinderaunce, by meanes of the crueltie of Informers & searchers, seekyng continually their owne priuate gayne, by finding of the said Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, at no time made according to such fourme of waight, lengthes, and breadthes, as by the former statutes of this Realme, lately made for the true making of woollen cloth, is limited & appointed: And for that the same persons do alleage, that the makers of the sayd Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, can by no meanes be reduced to obserue the said waighthes, lengthes, and breadthes, in makyng of the sayde Cottons, Fryzes, & Rugges, accordyng to the fourme of the sayd former estatutes, without the better bnding of great numbers of poore people, that are commonly the makers of such kind of clothes, and that by meanes hereof, the saide Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, siethens the making of the sayd estatutes, haue ben, & are moze scarce and dearer, then they were before the making of the sayd estatutes,

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and in nothing at all amended in substance or forme of making.

FOR reformation wherof: Be it enacted, that from and after the first day of Aprill next commynge, every of the said Cottons, being sufficiently milled or thicked, cleane scoured, wel wrought, and fully dyed, shal way. xxi. ponde at the least, and shal contayne in length, xxi. goades, or. xx. goades at the least, and in breadth at the most, thre quarters of the yarde, or within one nayle of thre quarters of the yarde at the least. And that every of the saide frys or Rugges being thicked and fully dyed, shal way. xliii. ponde at the least, and shal contayne in length, betwixt. xxxv. yardes, and. xxxvii. yardes, and shal contayne in breadth at the most, thre quarters of the yarde, or within one nayle of thre quarters at the least, and not to be strayned vpon the teyntours, aboue one nayle in breadth. And also if any of the said Cottons, frys, or Rugges, shalbe of any greater length, then is before severally expessed, that then every goade or yarde so exceeding the said severall lengthes, shal way after such rate, as every goade or yarde of suche Cottons, frys, or Rugges, contayning the said severall lengthes, shal or ought to way, vpon payne of forsayture for every goade or yarde not waying after such rate. xii. d. And also if any of the said Cottons, frys, and Rugges, shalbe of any lesse waight, the is before severally limited & appointed, that then all and every such person or persons, that shal so sell, or offer to be solde, any such Cotton, frye, or Rugges, shal forsayt for every pound lacking vnder thre poundes. xii. d. and for every ponde waight lacking aboue. iii. li. fiue shillinges: thone halfe of whiche forsaytures, shalbe to our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes hyghnes, her heyres and successours, and the other halfe thereof, to such person or persons, that shal sue for the same, by action of debt, byll, playnte, or information, in any of the Queenes Maiesties courtes of Recorde, wherein no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe, shalbe admitted or allowed for the defendaunt.

AND further, be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and every braunche, clause, sentence, and article specified and contayned in any other Actes of Parliament before this tyme made, concerning the sealyng and making of the sayde Cottons, frys, and Rugges, shalbe from hencefoorth vtterly repealed, boyde, and of none effect: Any thyng in the sayde Actes contayned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

PROVIDED alwayes, that this Acte shal not in any wyse extend to be prejudiciall or hurtfull vnto any charter or libertie of any Borough or corporate Towne, within the sayde Countie Palantine of Lancaster, concerning the making and puttyng to sale of any woollen cloth: Any thyng therein contayned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

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✠ An Acte concerning Sea markes
and Mariners.

¶ The. xiiij. Chapter.



Here as the Maister, Wardens
and Assistauntes of the Trinitie
house of Deptforde stonde, beyng a
company of the chiefest and most ex-
pert maisters and governours of
shippes, incorporate within them
selues, charged with the conduction
of the Queenes Maiesties Nauye
royall, are bound to foresee the goodd
encrease and mayntenaunce of
shippes, and of all kynde of men tra-
ded and brought bp by water craft,

moste meete for her Maiesties marine seruice. And forasmuche as
by the destroying and takyng away of certayne steeple, woodes,
and other markes, standyng vpon the mayne shores, adioynyng to
the sea coastes of this Realme of Englande and wales, beyng as
beakons and markes of auncient tyme accustomed for Seafaryng
men, to saue and kepe them, and the shippes in their charge, from
sundry daungers therto incident: diuers shippes with their goodes
and marchaundizes, in saylyng from forraine partes towards this
Realme of Englande and wales, and specially to the port and ry-
uer of Thames, haue by the lacke of suche markes, of late yeres ben
miscaried, perysed, and lost in the sea, to the great detriment and
hurt of the common weale, and the perysing of no small number
of people.

FOR remedie wherein to be had: Be it enacted, established, and
ordayned, by the Queenes moste excellent Maiestie, by the con-
sentes of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons
in this present Parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the
same, that the foresayde Maister, wardens, and Assistauntes of
the Trinitie house at Deptforde stonde, aforesayde, beyng a com-
pany incorporated as before, shall and may lawfully by vertue of
this Acte, from tyme to tyme hereafter, at their wylles and plea-
sures, and at their costes: make, erect, and set vp suche and so ma-
ny beakons, markes, and signes for the sea, in such place or places
of the sea shores, and bplandes neare the sea coastes, or forelandes
of the sea, only for sea markes, as to them shall seeme moste
meete,

meete, needfull, and requisite, whereby the dangers may be auoyded and escaped, and Shippes the better come vnto their portes, without peryll. And that all suche Beakons, markes, and signes, so to be by them or theyr assignes, erected, made, and set vp, at the costes and charges of the sayd Maister, wardens, and Assistauntes, shall and may be continued, renewed, and be mayntayned from time to time, at the costes and charges of the sayde Maister, wardens, and Assistauntes: Any thing to the contrary hereof, notwithstanding.

AND be it further ordayned and enacted by thauuthoritie aforesayde, that no sleeples, trees, or other thynges, nowe standing, as beakons or markes for the sea, whereof to the owner or occupier of the place (where the same doth growe or stande, before the first day of Marche next commynge) notice shalbe geuen by the Queenes Maiesties letters, vnder her signet, shall at any tyme hereafter, be taken downe, felled, or other wise cut downe, vpon payne that euery person by whose procurement or consent suche offence shalbe committed, shall forsayte the summe of one hundred poundes, wherof the one moitie to the Queenes Maiestie, and the other moitie to be to the Maister, wardens, and Assistauntes of the sayde Trinity house. And yf the sayde person or persons so offendynge, be not of the value of one hundred poundes: then the same person and persons, to be deemed conuict of outlarie, Ipso facto, to all constructions and purposes.

AND further, be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that all Mariners, and Seafaryng men, dwelling about the sayd ryuer of Thames, beyng thereto licenced by the sayd Maister, wardens, and Assistauntes, and hauyng sufficient certificat of suche licence from the sayde Maister and wardens, as well betwene their boyages, as at other tymes, at their willes & pleasures, by force hereof, the better to kepe and refrayne them selues from folly, ydlenes, and lewde company, and for the reliefe of them, their wiues, and children: shal and may freely and quietly, exercise and rowe in their owne whirries, or any other mens whirries by them to be hyred, or wherein they shalbe hyred to worke, vp and downe the said riuer of Thames, to applye and solo we the ordinarie passyng and carrying of the Queenes Maiesties people to and fro, as other watermen, commonly called whirrmen, of the same ryuer vse and accustome to do, without impechement, hinderance, or let, to the contrary. And that suche Seafaryng men, shall not thereby be drawen vnder any other gouernement, then vnder the sayde Maister, wardens, and Assistauntes, as they were before: Any Act, statute, provision, proclamation, ordinaunce, or custome, heretofore against the premises ordayned or made, in any wyse notwithstanding.

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☛ An Acte touchyng transporting of
tawed Leather.

¶ The. xiiij. Chapter.



Orasmuche as in one Acte made in the first session of this present Parliament, intituled: An Act against the carrying of Sheepskins and pelses ouer the sea, not beyng Staple ware, there is contayned one braunche agaynst the makynge of any pelses by any person, other then such as are permitted to make the same by the sayde statute. The execution of whiche braunche, hath ben put in suspence, by reason that

some other partes of the same statute, are supposed to be agaynst the entercourse of the lowe Countreys of the kyng of Spayne.

BE IT therefore declared and enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde first braunche of the sayde statute, beyng not against the sayd entercourse, shall from hencefoorth be put in due execution. And forasmuche as great multitudes of the Queenes Maiesties liege people, haue ben set on worke by conuerting of Sheepe skynnes and Lambe skynnes, into tawed Leather and Parchment, here within this Realme, whiche by one other braunche of the sayde statute, is prohibited to be transported out of the Realme in Leather. And where the conuerting of such skynnes into Leather and Parchment, hath ben great mayntenance of many thousandes of the subiectes of this Realme, and greater dayly wylbe, to the great benefite of this Realme, yf the sayde first braunche concernyng makynge of pelses be duely put in execution, where otherwys, yf the sayde pelses shoulde be transported into other Realmes, the same woulde be an occasion of the impouerishing of many of the naturall Englyshe people of this Realme.

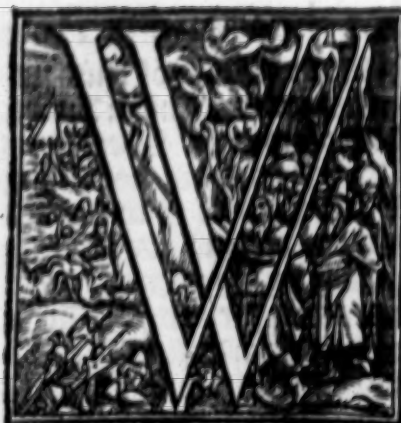
BE IT therefore enacted by auctoritie of this present Parliament, that so muche of the sayde statute, as concerneth the transporting of tawed Leather, to be made of Sheepes skynnes, and Lambes skynnes, shall from hencefoorth, as touchyng onely the transporting of suche tawed Leather, be repealed and voyde: Any thing in the said statute to the contrary, notwithstanding.

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¶ An Acte for preservation of
Grayne.

¶ The .xv. Chapter.



Here in the Parliament holden at westminster vpon prorogation, the fourth day of february, in the. xxiij. yere of the raigne of the noble Prince of famous memorie, hyng Henry the eyght: amongst other Actes, one estatute was made and prouided for the destruction of Crowes, Rookes, and Chaughes: In whiche estatute, is containe one braunche concernyng the prouision, puttyng in vze, and mayntenaunce

of nettes and thrapes, whiche braunche, beyng very good and beneficiall, long tyme sythens was expired. Be it therefore ordayned and enacted, by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, with the assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that onely the sayde braunche of the same estatute, concerning the prouision, vse, and mayntenaunce of nettes and thrapes, for the destruction of Crowes, Rookes, and Chaughes, and all and euery article, forsayture, and penaltie, containe in the sayde braunche, for and concernyng the prouision and puttyng in vze of the same nettes, and for the maintenaunce thereof, accordyng to the fourme therein limited: shall from hencefoorth be reuiued and put in due execution, and that all and euery other braunche and article containe in the same estatute, shalbe from hencefoorth vtterly repealed and made voyde to all intentes and purposes.

AND further be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that in euery paryshe, the Churchwardens for the tyme beyng, with others of the parishioners, to the number of sixe persons, to be required by the Churchwardens, shall after the feast of Saint Michaell tharchaungell next commyng, yerely in one of the festiuall dayes in the Easter weeke, and at euery other tyme when and as often as it is and shalbe nedefull, take and assesse euery propriatour, farmour, and other person, hauyng the possession of any lande or tythes within their seuerall paryshes, to pay suche summe of money, as they shall thinke meete, accordyng to the quantitie and por-
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tion of suche landes or tythes, as the same persons so assessed, do or shall haue or holde: And yf the sayde summes of money, or any of them, so tared and assessed, be or shalbe denyed to be payde, or be not payde within fourteene dayes next after request thereof made by the sayde Churchwardens, or one of them: then euery person so denyng or mahyng suche defaulte of payment, shall forsayte for euery tyme tyme thyllynge, and the same, together with the sayde summe or summes assessed and tared as is aforesayde, shalbe leuied by distresse, of the goodes and cattels of suche person and persons so assessed, and refusyng to pay such summe, to be taken by the Churchwardens, or one of them: whiche distresse, shalbe ordered and bled in such maner and fourme, as distresses taken for amerciaementes in any letes, and the same summes so tared and assessed, and the sayde penalties, yf any be so by them leuied, as is aforesayde, shalbe perely by the sayde Churchwardens for the tyme beyng, or one of them, of euery such paryshe, deliuered, by bill or byls indented to two honest and substantial persons of euery such paryshe, whiche shalbe elected and appoynted by the sayde Churchwardens, for the tyme beyng, to haue the perely distribution thereof, and shalbe named the distributours of the prouision for the destruction of noyfull foules and bermyn. And the sayde distributours so appoynted, as is aforesayde, shall geue and paye of the same money so to them deliuered, to euery person that shall bryng to them any heades of olde Crowes, Chaughes, Pyes, or Rookes, taken within the seuerall paryshes, for the heads of euery three of them, a penny. And for the heads of euery fyre younge Crowes, Chaughes, Pyes, or Rookes, taken as is aforesayde, a penny. And for euery fyre egges of any of them unbroken, a penny. And lyke wyse for euery twelue Starres heads, a penny. All whiche sayde heads and egges, the sayde distributours in some conuenient place shall kepe, and shall euery moneth at lest, bryng forth the same befoze the sayd Churchwardens and taxours or three of them, and then and there to them shall make a true accompt in wrytyng, what money they haue layed forth, and payde for suche heads and egges, and for the heads of such other rauenous byrdes and bermyn, as are hereafter in this Acte mentioned. That is to saye: for euery head of Werten Hawkes, Furskylte, Goldskylte, Busarde, Schagge, Carmerante, or Ryngetayle. ii. d. and for euery two egges of them, one penny. for euery Iron or Sprayes head, foure pence. for the head of euery woodwall, Pye, Jaye, Raven, or Rye, one penny. for the head of euery byrd whiche is called the kyngs fysher, one penny. for the head of euery Bulfinche, or other byrde that deuoureth the blowth of fruite, one penny. for the heads of euery fore or Gray. xii. d. and for the head

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of euery fitchewe, Polcatte, welell, Stote, fayne Bade, or wyde Catte. i. d. for the heads of euery Otter, or Hedgehogges. ii. d. for the heads of euery three Rattes, or twelue Myse. i. d. for the heads of euery Mouldwarpe or wante, a. ob. for the heads of euery which byrdes and bermyn last mentioned, the sayde distributours shall lykewyle paye and geue to the byrnger of them, for euery head kyld and taken, within theyr seuerall paryshe, as before is limited, and shall kepe the same to be shewed forth vppon theyr accompte, in maner and fourme as is aforesayde. All whiche sayde heades and egges, shall be forthwith, after suche accompte made, in the presence of the sayde Churchwardens and farours, or of three of them, burned, consumed, or cut in sunder. And yf vppon any accompte to be made in the ende and determination of the office of any suche distributours, it shall appeare that any summe of money is remainyng in the hands of the sayde distributours, or of any of them, then the same shall be byll indented, as is aforesayde, deliuered ouer to such persons, as be or shall be elected to the same office, for the pere next folowynge, by them to be distributed, as is aforesayde.

And for the better execution of this Acte, be it also enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that it may and shall be lawfull to and for euery person and persons, whiche hereafter wyll trauell for the taking of Crowes, Rookes, Chaughes, and other the bermyn abouesayde, to enter for the same purpose and intent into any place therfore meete and conuenient, with the consent of the owner or occupper of the same, and there to vse such nettes, engins, and other reasonable deuyses, as are meete and conuenient for the taking and destruction of suche bermyn (handgunnes and crosbowes excepted) and shall take and haue all suche Crowes, Chaughes, Rookes, and other bermyn to his and theyr owne vles. And yf the sayde Churchwardens, and six persons of any paryshe or paryshes, so required by the Churchwardens, as is aforesayd, or the persons elected for distributours, or any of them, shall refuse or make default in the execution of this Act, or any part thereof, contrary to the fourme aforesayde: then euery suche person shall forsayte for euery suche default, fyue poundes, the one moitie thereof, to be to our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heyres and successours, and the other moitie thereof, to hym or them, vsing tillage yerely within the same Shire, that shall sue for the same in any court of recorde of our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heyres and successours, by action of dette, or byll of information, wherein the defendaunt or defendantes shall haue no protection, eskoigne, or wager of lawe allowed or admitted.

Provided alwayes, & be it further enacted by aucthoritie aforesaid, that this Act or any braunch therin conteyned, shall not in any wise extend

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extende to geue any libertie or aucthoritie to any person or persons, to vse or exercise any meane or engyn, for the destruction of Crows or Rookes, Chaughes, or other the berrymyn aforesayde, in any place or places, to the disturbaunce, let, or destruction of the buyldyng or breedynge of any kynde of Hawkes, Herons, Egryts, Paupers, Swannes, or Shouelers, or to the hurt or destructiō of any Doves, douehouses, Beere or warren of Conies: Any thing in this Acte to the contrarpe conteyned, notwithstanding.

And be it further prouyded, that this Acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende to geue or appoynte any summe or summes of money, to be geuen, payde, or distributed, to any person or persons, for the head or heades of any Busarde, Kingtaylor, Perne, Polcatte, fytchewe, or Stote, taken in any parke, warren, or grounde, employed to the mayntenaunce of any game of Conies, or to any Stares taken in douehouses, nor to the kylling or brynnyng the head of any Kyte or Raven, kyllled in any Citie or Towne corporate, or within two myles of the same. This Acte to continue to the ende of the next Parliament.

¶ An Act that in diuers Counties, there
shalbe but one Sheriffe in
one Countie.

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Here as the Counties and Shires
of Surrey and Sussler, Essex and Hertforde, Somerset and Dorset, Warwyche and Leicester, Nottingham and Derby, Oron and Barks, of long tyme haue had but one Sheryffe, to serue for two of the sayde Counties, that is to saye, one for Surrey and Sussler, and one other for Essex and Hertford, and one other for Somerset and Dorset, and one other for Warwyche and Leicester,

and one other for Nottingham and Derby, and one other for Oron and Barks. The occasion whereof in the begynnynge (as it shoulde seme) was, for that euery of the sayde seuerall Counties, were not then so well inhabited with gentelmen of good abilitie, to serue in

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the sayde office, as (thanks be to God) they be at this present. And forsomuch as the seruice and charges of that office of Shirewithe of the sayde Counties, is more then in tymes past it hath ben, and is now commonly greater then one Shireffe is able to serue and supplie: Therefore suche gentelmen as do dwell in the sayde seuerall Counties, are verie desirous to haue for euery of the sayde Counties, one Shireffe to be perely made and appoynted for the same. And for that the haupng of seuerall Shireffes accordyngly, can not be hurtfull to any, but thereby maye growe some ease of charges and trouble to suche as shall hereafter be appoynted to suche office, and also the sayde office better serued and executed, then heretofore hath ben:

Be it therefore enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the Queenes moste excellent Maiestie, her heyres and successours, Kynges or Queenes of this Realme, shall and maye from and after the fyrst day of Nouember, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousand, fyue hundred, threescore and seven, perely chosse and make for euery of the sayde Counties before named, one sufficient and able person, to be Shireffe of the same, in suche lyke maner and fourme, as is and hath ben bled to be chosen, made, and done for any other Countie or Shire within this Realme: Any lawe, custome, or vsage, heretofore had or bled, to the contrarye thereof, notwithstanding. And that euery person, which after the sayd first day of Nouember shalbe made and appoynted Shireffe, for any of the sayd Counties, shalbe accomptable and bled in the order of his accompte, and al other thinges, and allowaunce to hym to be made, in the court of Erchequer, and all other courtes and places, in suche maner and fourme, as is commonly bled for Shireffes in like cases.

Provided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the Barons of the Queenes highnes, her heyres and successours, of the court of Erchequer, for the tyme beyng, calling vnto them aswell her or theyr graces officers of remembrauncer, and the Treasourers remembrauncer, together with the Clarke of the pype of the same court, as also the seuerall Shireffes, the which next after the sayde first daye of Nouember, shalbe by her highnes, her heyres and successours, constituted, named, and appoynted, of euery of the sayde seuerall Counties of Surrey and Sussex, Essex and Hertforde, Somerset and Dorset, warwyche and Lecester, Nottingham and Derby, Oxon and Baris, shall haue by vertue of this Acte of Parliament, full power and auctoritie, to leue and deuide by the discretion and iudgement of the sayde Barons, all and singuler the proffers of the sayde Counties of Surrey and Sussex, Essex and Hertforde, Somerset and Dorset, warwyche and Lecester, Nottingham and Derby, Oxon and Baris.

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The whiche sayde seuerance and deuision of the sayd proffers, shall be entred of recorde in the sayde court of Erchequer, and shall be final and perpetuall, duryng so long tyme as this present Acte of parliament shall endure and haue continuance.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that in suche and the same maner and fourme as the sayde proffers shall be deuyled, euen so the taylor of rewarde of euery of the foresayd Counties, where any taylor of rewarde hereafter shall be taken, shall be seuered and deuyled in maner and fourme aforesayde.

And be it lyke wyse further enacted by thaurthoritie aforesayde, that the sayde Barons, for the tyme being, of the Queenes highnes sayde court of Erchequer, and of her heyres and successours, calling vnto them the sayde officers of the Treasourers remembrauncer, and the Clarke of the pyper, shall haue full power and auctoritie from tyme to tyme, to take order and appoyntment, for the true and speedy payment and contentation of suche creation money, fees and annuities, and all other summes of money, as haue ben accustomed to haue ben payd, or of ryght ought to haue ben payd, to any person or persons, by the hands of the sayde seuerall Shireffes. And that suche order, direction, and appoyntment so made, had, and taken by the sayde Barons, in maner and fourme last before recited, shall be obserued, perfourmed, fulfilled, and kept verely, as well by both the Shireffes of the sayd seuerall counties of Surrey and Suffer, for the tyme being, as by the sayde seuerall Shireffes, for the tyme being, of the sayde Counties of Essex and Hertforde, and of Somerset and Dorset, and of warwicke and Lecester, and of Nottingham and Derby, and of Oron, and Berks: Any blage, lawe, or custome, to the contrarie, in any wyse notwithstanding.

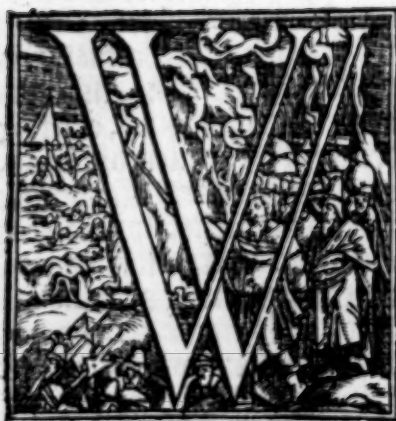
Prouyded alwayes, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no Shireffe hereafter to be chosen and made of any one of the sayde Counties in this Acte mentioned, shall paye in any court of recorde, for any duetie, belongyng properly to the office of Shireffe, any other fees or charges, then onely the one halfe of the charges and fees, whiche he shoulde be compelled to haue payde, yf he had ben Shireffe of two of the sayd Shires and Counties, as before the making of this Acte was vled: Any lawe, blage, or custome to the contrarie, notwithstanding.

This Acte to continue and endure vnto the ende of three whole yeres, to be accompted from the lease of all Sainctes, in the yere of our Lorde God, M. D. LXXIIII. and from thence to the ende of the next parliament then next folowynge the ende of the sayde three yeres.

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¶ An Act for confirmation of a Subsidie graunted by the Cleargie.

¶ The. xvij. Chapter.



Here the Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterbury, haue louyngly and liberally for certayne considerations, geuen and graunted to the Queenes Maiestie, a Subsidie of foure shyllinges of the pounce, to be taken and leuied of all and singular theyr promotions spirituall within the same prouince, duryng the terme of threer yerres nowe next ensuyng, in such certayne maner and fourme, and with suche exceptions

and prouisions, as be specified and conteyned in a certayne instrument, by them thereof made, and deliuered to the Queenes hyghnes, vnder the scale of the moste reuerende father in God, Mathewe, nowe Archbyschop of Canterbury, and Primate of all Englande: whiche instrument is nowe exhibited in this present Parliament to be ratified. The tenour whereof, ensueth in these wordes.

The Prelates and Cleargie of the prouynce of Canterbury, beyng lawfully congregated and assembled together in a conuocation or Synode, calling to theyr remembraunce the greate and manyfolde benefites, whiche they haue many and sundry wayes receaued of your Maiesties moste gracious bountyfulnes, principally for the setting forth, and aduauuncyng of Goddes holy worde, his sincere and true religion, and abolyshyng all forrayne power, contrarie to the same. Consideryng also the greate debtes, wherewith the imperiall Crowne of this Realme was charged, when it pleased almyghtie God fyrst to call your hyghnes to the gouernaunce of the same. And further, wayghing the greate charges, wherewith your Maiestie both hath ben, and is lyke to be burthened hereafter, for the defendyng and preseruyng your hyghnes Realme, and naturall subiectes in chrystian peace, tranquillitie, and safetie.

In consideration thereof, and for a true declaration of our bounden dueties, good heartes, and myndes towardes your Maiestie, with

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with one vniforme agreement, accomde, and consent together, with moste hartie good wyll, haue geuen and graunted, and by these presentes do geue and graunte, to your hyghnes, your heyres and successours, one Subsidye, in maner and fourme folowynge.

That is to saye: That euery Archbysshop, Bysshop, Deane, Archdeacon, Prouost, Maister of Colledge, Prebendary, Parson, Vicar, and euery other person and persons, of whatsoeuer name or degree he or they be, within the prouince of Canterbury, enioying any spirituall promotion or other temporall possessions, to the same spirituall promotion annexed, nowe not deuided nor seperated by Acte of Parliament, or other wyse, from the possession of the Cleargie: shall paye to your hyghnes, your heyres and successours, for euery pounce that he maye yerely dispende by reason of the sayd spirituall promotion, the summe of foure shyllinges. And for the true and certayne value of all the promotions, and euery of them, whereof the payment of this Subsidye shalbe made, the rate, taration, valuation, and estimation, nowe remayning of recorde in your Maiesties court of Exchequer, for the payment of the perpetuall disme or tenth, graunted to your Maiesties most noble father, in the. xxvi. yere of his raigne, concernyng suche promotions as nowe be in possession of the Cleargie, or of any other, not deuoyded by any Acte of Parliament, or other wyse alienated from the possession of the Cleargie, shall onely be folowed and obserued, without making any valuation, rate, taration, or estimation, other then in the sayde recorde is nowe compysed.

Prouyded alwayes, that forasmuche as the tenth part of the sayd rate and valuation before mentioned, is yerely payde to your hyghnes for the sayde perpetuall disme, so as there remayneth onely nyne partes, to the incumbent clere: This Subsidye of foure shyllinges the pounce, shalbe vnderstanded and meant of euery pounce onely of the sayde nyne partes, and of no more.

Prouyded alwayes, that no person that is alredye promoted to any spirituall benefice or promotion, sithens the. xiiii. day of May last past, or that hereafter shalbe promoted to any spirituall benefice or promotion, on thisside the. xiiii. daye of Maye, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousand, fyue hundred, threescore and nyne, by reason whereof he is, shall or maye be charged to the payment of the first frutes for the said promotion, shalbe contributozie or charged for the same to your hyghnes, your heyres, or successours, with any parte of this Subsidye, duryng the fyrst yere after the acceptaunce of his sayde promotion.

And your sayde Prelates and Cleargie also do graunte, that this Subsidy of. iiii. s. the pounce, of the nyne partes of the yerely value of euery promotion spirituall aforesayde, within the sayde prouince, tared,

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tared, as is aforesaid, shalbe payde to your Maiestie, your heyres and successours, within three yerres next ensuing the date herof, in maner and fourme folowynge. That is to saye, sirtene pence of euery pound aforesayde, in euery of the sayde three yerres. The first payment thereof, to be due at the. xiiii. daye of Maye next ensuyng, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousand, fyue hundred, three score and seuen. And the second payment thereof, to be due at the. xiiii. daye of Maye then next folowynge, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousand, fyue hundred, threescore and eyngeht. And the thyrde payment thereof, to be due the. xiiii. daye of Maye, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde, a thousand, fyue hundred, threescore and nyne: To be deliuered and payde yerely by suche person and persons, as in this present graunt shalbe appoynted to haue the collection thereof, to the Lorde hygh Tresourer or vnder Tresourer of England, for the tyme beyng, or to suche other person or persons, and in suche place or places, as it shall please your hyghnes to appoynte, to be payde at or before the last daye of October, in euery of the sayde three yerres, without paying any thyng to the receauer, or to any other officers or persons, to be assigned for the receipte thereof, for any acquittauce or other discharge vpon any such payment and receipte of the sayde Subsidye, or any part thereof to be geuen and deliuered, but onely foure pence, and that to the Clarke, for the wytyng of euery of the same acquittances, or discharge, for euery of the same paymentes.

Item your sayde graces Prelates and Cleargie also do graunte, that euery Priest, and all other Ecclesiasticall persons, hauing any pension by reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colleges, freechappels, Chauntries, fraternities, Guydes, and Hospitals, or of any spirituall dignitie or corporation, nowe dissolved within the sayde prouince of Canterbury, shall lykewyse paye to your hyghnes, your heyres and successours, foure shyllings of euery pounce of the sayde pensions, within the sayde three yerres, at suche dayes and tymes, as are before specified. And that for the sure payment thereof, deduction and retention of the sayde foure shyllinges shalbe made yerely in the handes of the payers of the sayde pensions, after the rate and proportion of sirtene pence the pounce, euery of the sayde three yerres, to be deliuered and payde by your hyghnes receauers and officers, deputed for the payment of suche pensions, vnto your Maiesties vse, at suche tyme and to suche persons, as the Subsidye of foure shyllinges the pounce aforesayde, shalbe payde vnto.

Item your sayde Prelates and Cleargie do graunte, that euery Priest or Minister stipendarie, receauing an annuall stipende, being no perpetuities, of sixe poundes, xiii. s. iiii. d. or aboue, within the

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sayde prouince, shall paye vnto the hse of your hyghnes, your heyres and successours, sixe shyllinges and eyght pence, in euery of the sayd thre yerres, at suche tyme, and to suche persons, as the sayd Subsidye shall be payde. And for defaulte of payment of the sayde stipendaries, that euery Parson, vicar, or other spirituall or temporall person, proprietarie, or farmer, hyrnyng any Priest or Minister, to serue in any place, shall be answerable and charged for and with the payment of the sayd. vi. s. viii. d. for the sayd Priest or Minister, euery of the sayde thre yerres, and shall and may make retention of his and theyr wages, quarterly, of so much as the sayd stipendaries be charged with, by this present graunt, euery of the sayde thre yerres.

Item your sayd Prelates and Cleargie further do graunte, that euery Archbysshop and Bysshop, and the See beyng voyde, euery Deane and Chaptour of that See voyde, shall be Collectours of this Subsidy within theyr proper dioces, duryng the sayde thre yerres, other then of the pensioners aforesayde. And the sayde Archbysshop, Bysshop, or the See being voyde, the Deane and Chaptour, shall certifie into your Maiesties court of Erchequer, vnder theyr seales, the names and surnames of all such stipendarie Priests and Ministers within their dioces, as be chargeable by this Acte, before the sayde last day of October, yerely duryng the sayde thre yerres.

And your sayde Prelates and Cleargie do most humbly beseeche your Maiestie, that it maye be enacted by your sayde Maiestie, and your hygh Court of Parliament (for the speedy payment of the sayde Subsidie, and to auoyde delays thereof) that when and as often as any Collectour or Collectours chargeable with the collection of this Subsidye, or of any part therof, or the deputie or deputies of any of them, shall offer the payment thereof, or of any part thereof, to the hse of your Maiestie, your heyres or successours, to any person or persons, appointed to receaue the same by your hyghnes, or by the sayde Lord hygh Tresourer or Subtresourer: that the sayd person or persons so appoynted, shall within foure dayes next after such appointment, receaue or cause to be receaued, the money so offered to be payde, without any further delay: And shall deliuer one sufficient bill, testifying the receipt therof, to the said Collectour or his deputie, vpon euery such particuler payment. And that euery such auditour as is or shall be appointed to take or receaue thaccompt of any suche Collectour or Collectours, shall within sixe dayes next after request to him to be made, truly & indifferently take the sayde accompte, and make allowaunce, as by this graunt is appoynted, vpon payne that euery such person & persons, appointed to receaue the summe or summes so offered, and euery such auditour, shall lose and forsaite for euery defaulte or delay to be made, to the sayde Collectour or Collectours, so offeryng to make payment or accompte,
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as is aforesayde, the summe of tenne poundes, of lawfull money of England, the one moytie therof, to be to your Maiestie, your heyres, and successours, and the other moitie to the sayde Collectour or Collectours so greued, the same to be payde vpon complainte made to the sayde Lorde Tresourer, vnder Tresourer, or to the Lorde chiefe Baron of your Maiesties court of Erchequer, who vpon such complaynte, shall presently examine the matter, and fyndyng defaulte, shall commit thoffender to warde, there to remayne vntyll he shall haue payde the sayde seuerall summes so forsayted.

And for the better leuying and recoueryng of the sayde Subsidye, your sayde Prelates and Cleargie do lyke wyse moste humbly beseech your hyghnes, that it may be enacted by your Maiestie, and your sayde hygh court of Parliament, in maner and fourme folowynge. That is to saye: That euery Collectour of the sayde Subsidye, and of euery parte and parcell thereof, and their lawfull deputie or deputies, maye haue full power and aucthoritie, to vse all such wayes and meanes, and procelle, as be prescribed in the Acte of perpetuall disme, for the collection and leuying of the same, and maye make accompte thereof, before the Lorde hygh Tresourer or vnder Tresourer of England, for the tyme beynge, or any other officers by your hyghnes, or your court of Erchequer, to be appoynted for the same, and in suche place, as your Maiestie lyke wyse shall assigne, in such wyse, and after suche fourme onely, as the sayde Archbishops and Bishops be now charged to make accompte for the said perpetuall disme or tenth, wherby is meant, that the lacke and default of payment of and for any particuler promotion or promotions, shall only charge the incumbent or incumbents, and such others as be bound to paye the same. And that the Archbishop, Bishop, Deane, and Chapitour, gatherynge that whiche they can receaue, and makynge payment thereof, shall for the rest, not by them receaued, be discharged by their certificat, to be made before the last daye of October, in euery of the sayde three yeres, vnto your hyghnes court of Erchequer: And that sixe pence of euery pounde, wherewith the Collectour shall be charged in his accompte, clearly to be payde into the receipte of your Maiesties Erchequer, or into suche other place, as shall please your hyghnes to appoynte, shall be allowed to the sayde Collectour vpon his accompte for the same, in euery of the sayde three yeres, for the charges of collection, portage, sale conueying, and payng of the same Subsidye.

And moreouer, that it maye be enacted lyke wyse, that after any payment of the sayde Subsidye shall be once due by vertue of this graunte, in any of the sayde three yeres, yf any incumbent of any benefice or promotion spirituall, charged to the payment of the same Subsidye, beynge at any tyme, after that the same payment shall

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shalbe due lawfully mortified, either personally, or at his Dignitie
 Stall, Church, or Mansion house, by the Archbyschop or Byschop of
 the dioces, or theyr deputie or deputies, or the Deane and Chaptour,
 the See being voyde, or by any theyr deputie or deputies, authori-
 sed in that behalfe, to appeare by hym selfe or his deputie, at a cer-
 taine day or place of convenient distaunce, to the sayde incumbent
 then to be signified and prefixed, then and there to paye suche part
 of the sayde Subsidye, for his benefice or promotion spirituall, as
 then by vertue of this graunte shalbe due: do not either at the
 same daye and place so to hym signified and prefixed, truly content
 and paye, or cause to be contented and payde, the same parte of the
 sayde Subsidye, whiche then by hym shalbe due to be payde, unto
 the same Archbyschop, or Byschop, or to theyr deputie or deputies,
 or to the Deane and Chaptour of any See being voyde, or to theyr
 deputie or deputies, or to one of them, bewyng sufficient deputa-
 tion from the sayde Archbyschop, Byschop, or Deane and Chaptour,
 vnder his or theyr scale in that behalfe, being redye at the same
 daye and place so signified and prefixed, to receaue the sayde Sub-
 sidye then due, and openly demaundayng the same, or els paye the
 same within fourtie dayes next after any suche prefixed daye at
 the furthest (so that open demaunde be made of the sayde Sub-
 sidye, in and at the sayde place and daye before prefixed:) that then
 every Incumbent so making defaulte of payment, of his parte of
 the sayde Subsidye, in any of the sayde thre yerres, after suche
 defaulte thereof certified into your Maesties Exchequer, in wy-
 ting vnder the seale and hande wytyng of any Archbyschop or
 Byschop, or of the Deane and Chaptour the See being voyde,
 charged with the collection of the same Subsidye, so that the
 sayde certificat shalbe made accordyng to the fourme hereafter
 expessed and exhibited into your Maesties sayde court of Exche-
 quer, before the laste daye of October, in every of the sayde thre
 yerres: shall forsayte and lose that onely dignitie, benefice, and pro-
 motion spirituall, by what name soeuer it be called, for whiche
 he maketh suche defaulte of payment, and whereof suche certifi-
 cat shalbe made, and shalbe thereof depryued ipso facto. And the
 sayde promotion from and after the daye of the deliuerie of the
 sayde certificat, into your hyghnes court of Exchequer, shalbe
 utterly voyde and destitute of incumbent, in the lawe, to all inten-
 ts and purposes, as yf suche incumbent, makinge suche defaulte
 of payment, were dead in deede. And that every certificat of any
 suche defaulte of payment, shalbe made accordyng to the tenour
 and effect ensuyng mutatis mutandis.

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Honorabilibus & egregiis viris, Domino Thesaurario, & Baronibus de Scaccario illustrissimæ dominæ nostræ, dominæ Elizabeth, Dei gratia, Angliæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ Reginæ, fidei defensoris, &c. vestre humilis E. permissione diuina: L. Episcopus, autoritate, & vigore eiusdem actus Parliamenti, anno regni dictæ dominæ reginæ octauo editi, & prouisi, ad colligendum & leuandum subsidium eidem dominæ reginæ, in eodem Parlamento per Prelatos & Clerum Cantuariensis prouincie concessum, videlicet, pro prima solutione inde soluenda. xxiii. die Maij, vltimo præterito, infra dioccesim nostram. L. deputatus, & autorizatus omnimodam reuerentiam tantis viris debitam cum honore. Vestris reuerentiis harum serie annuntio, & certifico me præfatum Episcopum, modo quo præfertur, deputatum & autorizatum, sufficienter, & cum omni diligentia requisisse per N. O. deputatum meum in hac parte, de quocunque beneficio & promotione ecclesiastica, in quadam schedula præsentibus annexa specificatis, summas dicti subsidij pro dictis beneficiis, & promotionibus debitas, pro prima solutione dicti subsidij debiti soluendi dicto vicesimo quarto die Maij, vltimo præterito, prout in eadem schedula præsentibus annexa plenius liquet, & apparet. Sed dictas summas ex causis in eadem schedula allegatis recipere non potui. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum præsentibus apponifeci. Datum decimo die Anno domini millesimo, quingentesimo sexagesimo septimo.

The fourme of whiche schedule aboue mentioned, ensueth, videlicet:

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de M.

Decanatus de A. B. Vicarius ibidem monitus fuit apud M. prædictam, die vltimo præterito per E. D. deputatum meum, ad soluendum apud Ecclesiam de L. in comitatu E. die tunc proximè sequente illam partem Subsidij per se debitam. xxliij. die Maij vltimo præterito pro promotione sua prædicta. Sed prædictus A. B. nec apud Ecclesiam de L. prædictam, eodem die nec alibi per quadraginta dies postea, summam per se debitam, vt præfertur, non soluit nec satisfecit: neque dictam summam de proficuis dictæ promotionis, nec de bonis & catallis dicti A. B. aliquo modo leuare siue recipere potui.

Provided alwayes, that yf any person or incumbent chargeable by this Acte or graunte to any payment of this Subsidye, shall proffer or tender payment of any summe due to the Archbyschop or Byschop, or to the Deane and Chaptour, where the see is boorde, or to any deputie or deputies of any Archbyschop, Byschop, or Deane, and Chaptour aforesayde, at any tyme before the certificac exhibited into the Exchequer, as is aforesayde, that then notwithstanding the certificac made, as is aforesayde, agaynst any such person, the sayde incumbent or person, agaynst whom the certificac was so made, shall and maye auer the offer or tender of his payment, as is aforesayde. And yf the same shalbe tried, epyther by sufficient

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wyttnesses before the Lorde Treasourer, or Barons of the Exchequer, or by the triall of twelue men, bypon an issue there bypon to be ioynd betwixt the same incumbent, or any other person or persons, that he or any for hym dyd offer or tender the payment of the summe due, as is aforesayde: That then every suche incumbent shall haue and enioye his promotion or promotions styll as though no certificat of defaulte of suche payment hadde ben made, or exhibited: Any thyng in this graunte or Acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And further that it maye be enacted lyke wyse, that every Arch-bishop, and Bishop, and Deane and Chaptour of every See vacant, and other persons chargeable, to and with the collection of the sayde Subsidye, of foure shyllynges the pounce, within the sayde prouince of Canterbury, shall and maye haue bypon every payment of the same Subsidye, made to the Lorde hygh Treasourer, or vnder-treasourer of Englande, for the tyme being, or to suche other person or persons, in place and places, to whom and where it shall please your hyghnes, or your court of Exchequer, to appointe for the receipte thereof, in every of the sayde three yerres, a sufficient acquittauce, discharge, or quietus est in wytyng of the sayde Lorde hygh Treasourer, or vnder-treasourer, or of suche other person or persons, as eyther your hyghnes or your sayde court of Exchequer shall assigne, for the receipte thereof, or as heretofore in lyke cases it hath ben accustomed, the same acquittauce, discharge, or quietus est, wytnessyng the receipte of as muche of the same summe of the sayde Subsidye, as shalbe so receaued. And that every suche acquittauce, discharge, or quietus est, in wytyng, sealed or subscribed with the name or names of the sayde Lorde hygh Treasourer, or vnder-treasourer, for the tyme being, or of suche Auditour, or other person or persons, as it shall please your hyghnes, or your sayde court of Exchequer, to appointe for the same receipte, or of suche others, as heretofore in lyke cases it hath ben bled, shall and maye be good and effectuell in the lawe, and be also as sufficient discharge to all and every of the sayde Collectours, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as yf the same were made by Acte of Parliament. And that every of the sayde Collectours shall paye but only three shyllyngs and foure pence, for every general and finall acquittauce, discharge, or quietus est, for every yerres payment of the sayd Subsidye. And also that every particuler acquittauce, whiche bypon payment of any parte of the sayde Subsidye, shalbe made by any Collectour or Collectours of the same Subsidye, or of any payment

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payment thereof, or by his or theyr deputie or deputies in that behalfe, to any incumbent of any benefice or promotion spirituall, or to any other person or persons, contributorye and chargeable to and with the same Subsidye, or any parte or payment thereof, shalbe good and effectuell in the lawe, and a full and sufficient discharge, to euery suche incumbent, and other person, and his benefice or promotion spirituall, of and for all suche summe and summes of money, as by the same acquittance shalbe acknowledged, to be receaued, in respect of the same benefice or promotion spirituall, for any payment or parte of the same Subsidye. And that none acquittance of any other person or persons, made before suche certificat, shall in any wyse discharge any person or promotion, for any parte of this Subsidye, nor of any payne, penaltie, or forsayture, specified in this graunte.

And to the intent it maye be knowen to the court of the Archequer, who be the deputie or deputies of euery suche Archbyshop, Byshop, or Deane and Chaptour, able to make acquittance: Euery Archbyshop, Byshop, and Deane and Chaptour of any See beyng voyde, shall perely with the certificat of the names of stipendarie Priestes, certifie the name and names of euery the deputies, to be appointed, as is aforesayde.

Provided alwayes, that no spirituall promotions, or any landes, possessions, or reuenues, annexed to the same, beyng charged by this graunte of the prouince of Canterburie, or any goodes or cattelles, growyng, beyng, or renuyng bypon the same, or els where, appertaynyng to the owners of the sayde spirituall promotions, or of any of them, shalbe charged or made contributorye, to any tynth or tenth, or any other Subsidye, alredye graunted to your hyghnes by the Laytie, or hereafter to be graunted, durynge the tearme of the sayde three yeres.

Provided also, that all Deanes, Archdeacons, Dignities, Masters, Wardens, and Prebendaries, of all Cathedral and Collegiate Churches and Colleges, or of any of them, within the sayde prouince, shalbe charged with this Subsidye for those possessions, reuenues, and portions onlye, whiche to theyr seuerall promotions, Dignities, and Homes, are clerely and distinctly limited, and to theyr owne onely bles seuered, thereof to paye the tenth parte, beyng deducted foure shyllinges of euery pounce, within the sayde three yeres, in maner and fourme as is aboue rehearsed. And that all those rentes, possessions, profites, portions, hereditamentes, and spiritual promotions, and euery of them, heretofore by your hyghnes, or any your Maiesties noble progenitours, or any other person

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person or persons whatsoeuer, geuen, graunted, bequeathed, deuised, or impropried vnto the sayd Cathedrall or Collegiate Churches or Colleges, or to any of them, whiche any wayes be assigned or bled, eyther for or towards the perely maintenaunce of pooze men, Schoolemasters, vicars, Gramarians, Peticanons, vicars, Choral readers of diuinitie, singing men, Choristers, vergers, or of any other necessarie and dayly officers or ministers, in suche Cathedrall and Collegiate Churches or Colleges, or any of them, or for or towards the reedifying or repayyng of any of the same Cathedrall or Collegiate Churches or Colleges, commonly named ad fabricam Ecclesiæ, shall not be charged with any part of this Subsidye. The certaintie of whiche portions, aswell chargeable to this Subsidye, as not chargeable in this behalfe, the Archbyschop or Byschop of the dioces, or the See beyng voyde, the Deane and Chaptour, vpon due searche and examination, shall certifie vnder his or theyr seale, into your hyghnes sayde court of Exchequer, before the sayde last day of October, in euery of the sayde three yeres.

Provided alwayes, that euery Parson, vicar, or other spirituall person, paying any pension, whereof none allowaunce is made in the valuation of his promotion or benefice, shall and may reseyne sixtene pence of euery pounce, of euery suche pension euery yere, during the sayde three yeres, to his owne reliefe, in consideration that he is charged to paye this Subsidye of foure shyllynges the pounce, out of euery pounce of the whole value of his promotion.

Provided also, and your sayde Prelates and Cleargie do mooste humblye beseeche your hyghnes, that it maye be enacted by your Maiesties auctoritie, and your hygh Court of Parliament, that where certayne landes, tenementes, rentes, spirituall promotions, tythes, pensions, portions, fructes, and other hereditamentes, lately belonging to diuers Cathedrall Churches, and to other places and persons Ecclesiasticall, within the sayde prouince of Canterbury, whiche were geuen and assigned, to be bestowed and spent to and on the syndryng and maintaynyng of certayne Chauntries, Anniversaries, Obites, Lyghtes, Lampes, and other lyke charges, intentes, and purposes, of late came into the handes and possession of the late King of famous memorie Edward the sixte, by force of a Statute thereof made in the fyfth yere of his late raigne, as by the sayde estatute moze playnely appeareth: That the sayde Cathedrall Churches, and the Byschops, Deanes, or Presidents and Chaptours of the same, and all other places and persons, or any of them, to whom the sayde landes, rentes, and all other the premises or any of them, dyd lately appertayne: shall not during the sayde three yeres, be charged to and with any payment of Subsidye of and for that part or portion of landes, tenementes, rentes, spirituall

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promotions and other hereditamentes, or any of them, whereunto the sayde late Kyng by force of the sayde statute was intituled or possessed of, nor of, or for any yerely rentes or paymentes, goyng out, or due to be payde vnto your Maestie, out of the premysles, nor any part therof: But only of and for all and singuler landes, tenementes, rentes, spirituall promotions, tythes, pensions, portions, fructes, and other hereditamentes, whiche do yet styll remayne not diuiered from the handes and possession of the sayde Cathedrall Churches, and other the places and persons Ecclesiasticall aforesayde. And that deduction and allowaunce thereof be made to them, and euery of them, accordyngly, in and vppon euery payment of this sayde Subsidye, out of the whole value, taration, and estimation, made for the payment of the sayde perpetuall dysme or tenth, remainyng of recorde in your hyghnes court of Exchequer, for that rate and portion of landes, tenementes, rentes, spirituall promotions, and other hereditamentes, and for those yerely paymentes, whereunto the sayde late Kyng was intituled or possessed of, or whiche otherwysse haue ben leuered from the possessions of the sayde Cathedrall Churches, and other places and persons aforesayde, by force of the statute premysed: The same Acte, or any other Acte or Actes whatsoeuer, or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provyded also, that this Subsidye graunted by the Cleargie, shall not be demaunded or leuied out of any benefice, house of studentes, or College, scituat or set within eyther of the vniuersities of Oxforde and Cambridge, or of any other benefice or other reuenues vnto the sayde houses or Colleges in the sayd vniuersities, or in eyther of them, or to any house of Studentes or College in any of the same vniuersities, vnited, appropriated, or appertaynyng, or of the Colleges of Wyndesore, or Eton nigh Wyndesore, or of the College called sainte Marie College by Wyndesore, founded by wylliam Wickham, sometyme Bysshop of Wyndesore, or of any Hospitales, or Grammer Schooles, or of any other Church, benefice, or other reuenues, to the sayde vniuersities, Houses, Colleges, Hospitales, Almes houses, Almes halles, or Grammer Schooles, or to any of them, annexed, appropriated, or otherwysse appertaynyng.

Provyded alwayes, that all Parsons, vicars, and other Ecclesiasticall persons, whose benefices be not aboue sixe poundes, thretyene shyllinges, and foure pence, by yere, after the taration aforesayde, shall not be charged with this Subsidye, or any parte thereof.

Provyded also, that euery vicar, whose benefice is aboue sixe poundes, thretyene shyllinges, and foure pence, and not aboue tenn poundes by yere, after the taration aforesayde, shall paye euery

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pere of the sayde thre peres, onely sixe shyllings eyght pence for his parte of the sayde Subsidye, as stipendarie Priestes be charged to paye, by force of this graunt, and not otherwyle.

Prōvided also, that euery Priest, and all other Ecclesiasticall or late religious persons, hauyng a pension by reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colleges, freechappels, Chauntries, fraternities, Guildes, and Hospitales, or any other incorporations within the prouince of Canterbury, or any of them, and beyng of the summe of fourtie shyllinges, or vnder, and not aboue, shall not be charged or chargeable for any suche pension: Any thyng conteyned in this graunte to the contrarpe, notwithstanding.

And for the sure and true payment of this Subsidye, graunted by your sayde Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterbury, accordyng to the tenour, purporte, effecte, and true meanyng of this present graunte: Your sayde Prelates and Cleargie, moſte humblye desyre your hyghnes, that this theyr sayde gyfte, graunte, and Subsidye, and euery matter, summe of money, petition, clause, prouisions and sentences in this instrument conteyned, concernyng the sayde Subsidye, maye be ratified, establiſhed, and confirmed, by the aucthoritie of your hyghnes court of Parliament.

Wherfore for the true and sure payment of the sayde Subsidye, graunted by the sayde Prelates and Cleargie of the sayde prouince of Canterbury, accordyng to the tenour, effect, and true meanyng of the sayde instrument: Be it enacted by the Queenes Maiestie, with the assente of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that the sayde gyfte and graunt, and euery matter, summe of money, petition, prouision, clause and sentence in the sayde instrument conteyned, shall stande and be ratified, establiſhed, and confirmed, by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament.

And furthermore, be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that euery person that shall be appoynted to the collection and gathering of the sayde Subsidye, shall haue full power and aucthoritie, to leuie, take, and perceaue the same Subsidye, by the aucthoritie of the Censures of the Church: That is to saye, by suspension, excommunication, or interdiction, and also by sequestration of the fruites and profites of their benefices and promotions spirituall, in whose handes soeuer they be, and to make sale of the same fruites, without daunger of the lawes of this Realme, or by distresse vppon the possession of the farmours or occupiers of the landes and tenements, chargeable by the sayd instrument, for or to the payment of any summe or summes of money, to be due by force thereof, or other.

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otherwyle, by the discretion of the Collectour thereof. And that no repleuie, prohibition, or superseas shall be allowed or obeyed for any person or persons, making default of payment of the sayde Subsidye, contrarie to the tenour of the graunte thereof, vntill suche tyme as they haue truely satisfied and contented all such part and portions, as to them in that behalfe appertayneth. And that euery suche farmour and farmours, theyr executors and assignes, that shall fortune hereafter to be charged, to and with the payment of the sayde Subsidye, or any part thereof, shall by the auctoritie aforesayde, be allowed and retayne in his handes, as muche of his yerely rente and farme, as the summe whiche he shall fortune to paye for his Lozde or Leassour, shall extend vnto, except the sayde farmour or farmours, theyr executors and assignes, by the lease and graunte that they haue of any part of the landes, tythes, profites, and tenementes, chargeable to this sayde Subsidye, or by force of any couenaunt or article therein conteyned, be bounden and charged to paye the same, and thereof to discharge theyr Leassour and Landlozde, during the terme mentioned in the sayde lease.

And lykewyle be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that where diuers Curates, liable to this Subsidye, being oftentimes remouable, do serue aswell in diuers impropriations, belonging to the Queenes Maestie, as in other impropriations, and in other spirituall promotions, belonging to other persons, that for the speedy recovery of the sayde Subsidye, it maye be lawfull to the Collectour or Collectours of the sayde Subsidye, theyr deputie or deputies, to leuie the sayde Subsidye vppon the farmour and farmours, or occuppers of all suche impropriations and spirituall promotions, by all censures of the Church aforesayd, and euery of them, or by waye of distresse, of the tythes of the sayde impropriation or impropriations, and spirituall promotions, or otherwyle, vppon the goodes and cattels of the sayde farmour or farmours, and occuppers, in whiche case no inhibition, prohibition, repleuie, or other procelle, awarded to the contrarie, shall be obeyed: Any lawes, statutes, priuileges, or customes, to the contrarye hereof, heretofore made, graunted or vsed, or hereafter to be made, graunted or vsed; to the contrarye, in any wyle notwithstanding.

And that it maye be lawfull to the Collectours, and the officers, and ministers of such Archbyschop, Bisshop, or Deane and Chaptour, for not payment of the sayde Subsidye, after the same shall be due in any of the sayde three peres, to praye and value the sayde distresse or distresses, by two indifferent neyghbours, by hym to be chosen, and the distresse or distresses so praysed, to sell, and thereof to deteyne

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so muche money, as shall amounte to the summe payable to the Quenes Maiestie, with the reasonable charges also of the sayde Collectour, susteyned in that behalfe, and the reste of the money made of the sayde distresse, to be deliuered and payde to the owner or occupper thereof.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that every laye person, hauyng spirituall promotion, chargeable by this Acte, and also hauyng temporall possessions, goodes, chattels, and debtes, chargeable to the Subsidye graunted in this Parliament by the temporaltie, shalbe charged, tared, and set, for his sayde spirituall promotions with the Cleargie, and for his temporall possessions and chattels reall, with the temporaltie, and not otherwyse: any thyng before mentioned to the contrarpe, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and every graunte and grauntes, of all and every summe and summes of money, which hereafter shalbe graunted to the Quenes Maiestie, by the Cleargie of the prouince of Poiche, shalbe of the same strength, force and effect, in all thynges, as the sayde graunt made by the sayde prouince of Canterbury: and shalbe tared, certified, collected, leuied, gathered, and payde, accordyng to the tenour, forme, and effect of this present Acte of Parliament, to all intents, constructions, and purposes, in suche maner and forme, as though it were specially, playnely, and particularly expresse, and rehearsed in this Acte by expresse wordes, termes, and sentences, in theyr seuerall natures and kyndes.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all prouisoos before rehearsed, conteyned in the sayde graunte of the Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterbury, and the lyke of the same prouisions hereafter to be conteyned in the graunte of the Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Poiche, shalbe good and effectuell, and to be obserued and kept in every point and article, accordyng to the true purporte and meaning of the same.